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OPPOSES ANY DISAVOWAL OF THE ACTION OF SUBMARINE COMMANDER IN SINKING THE STEAMER ANCONA

Austrian Admiralty in a Statement Fully Approves the Officer's Conduct.

SAYS HE DID HIS DUTY

Loss of Innocent Lives is Regretted and Deplored, But Not Disapproved.

Reply to American Note Possibly Already Delivered.

Vienna, Austria, Dec. 14 (By courier to Berlin, via London, December 15)—The Austro-Hungarian admiralty is entirely opposed to any disavowal of the course of the submarine commander who was responsible for the sinking of the Italian steamer Ancona. On the contrary, it approves his conduct fully, and declared that he would have been considered as having failed to perform his duty if he had allowed the Ancona to escape.

The reply to the American note it is understood will be delivered soon, possibly Wednesday. The correspondent of the Associated Press has not been able to secure a forecast of the terms of the reply, but all indications are that a pessimistic view of the situation is justified.

Justifies the Commander.

The admiralty today stated its case and the attitude of the naval authorities as follows:

"It is a submarine commander's duty to make a report to a designated base as soon as possible and the commander who sank the Ancona did this as soon as he was within wireless distance of land. He made a supplementary report at Pola and accompanied it with his log. No examination of the crew was held because the commander's report was considered complete and there was no reason to suppose that the crew would add anything thereto.

"So far as the commander is concerned his course is clear. The admiralty has received his report and sees no reason to find any fault with his course of action.

"If any such reason existed, that is, if the admiralty had found that the commander had done anything contrary to his instructions, it would spontaneously institute an investigation against him without waiting for any demand to come from some foreign government. It can happen that a commander in heat of battle, deals contrary to instructions but nothing of the kind has occurred in this case."

"It appears clearly from his report that his ship was in danger, indeed in double danger, first from the fact that an enemy boat was approaching on a line that threatened to cut off his retreat and the enemy ship and the Ancona could have extablished his radius of action and could have set a torpedo boat flotilla on him, and, second, there was danger of the Ancona escaping which according to his instructions was to be prevented in all circumstances. Hence the conduct of the commander, much as the loss of innocent lives must be regretted and deplored, cannot be disapproved.

Regrets Americans Lost Lives.

"On the contrary, if he had departed without destroying the Ancona it would have been failure to do his duty, since the Ancona could have notified other ships of his whereabouts. The loss of American lives is regrettable as well as that Americans sailed on a vessel belonging to a nation at war with Austria-Hungary."

A naval writer and expert said to the Associated Press correspondent in a discussion of the demands of the American note:

"It should be remembered that Austria's fleet is her favorite child. Its honor and prestige are treasured to the highest degree. The government might possibly yield points in a matter affecting the army, but disavowal of an act of an Austrian naval officer is hardly thinkable in any but abnormal circumstances. I am certain that it would have to be a very extreme case indeed which could justify in the eyes of all Austrians any humiliation of a naval officer at the behest of a foreign power."

OFFICIALS NOT SURPRISED.

Point Out That German Admiralty Defended Action Against Lusitania.

Washington, Dec. 15.—While the gravity of the situation existing between the United States and Austria-Hungary is emphasized by the statement of the Austrian admiralty giving unqualified approval of the action of the submarine commander who sank the Ancona, officials here said tonight they were not surprised to find the admiralty supporting its officer.

It was pointed out that the German admiralty vigorously defended the torpedoing of the Lusitania and that the concessions made by Germany to the United States in the matter of her con-

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GENERAL HAIG TO COMMAND BRITISH

Placed at Head of Armies in France and Flanders.

HAS WON MUCH HONOR

Sir John French, Relieved of the Command at His Own Request, Becomes Commander-in-Chief in the United Kingdom.

London, Dec. 16.—Field Marshal Sir John French, who at his own request has been relieved of the command of the British forces in France and Flanders, has been succeeded by General Sir Douglas Haig. Since the landing of the expeditionary force Sir Douglas Haig has been commander of the first army and has been repeatedly mentioned in dispatches by his chief, whose place he now takes.

The change had been expected for some time and it was announced in the House of Commons yesterday (Wednesday) that a statement would be published immediately.

Sir John French becomes commander-in-chief of the armies in the United Kingdom and for his 16 months service at the front, has been created Viscount of the United Kingdom.

Although many names had been mentioned as the possible successor of Field Marshal French, including that of the Duke of Connaught, the appointment, it is said, was anticipated in the best informed circles.

Sir Douglas Haig is nine years younger than his former chief and like him, won his spurs as a cavalry officer. His first commission was in the Seventh Hussars, and, as has been the case with most British officers of higher rang, he saw service in the Sudan, India and Africa. He was chief staff officer to Sir John French during the Colesburg operations, when the British cavalry had a difficult task in trying to round up the mobile Boer commandoes. Later he was given command of a group of columns and, after the South African war, was made inspector general of cavalry in India, one of the most coveted commands for cavalry officers in the British service.

After a few years of staff duty in England he became chief of staff in India and at the outbreak of the war was general officer commanding at Aldershot. From there he took the first army to France. The war office announcement reads as follows:

"General Sir Douglas Haig has been appointed to succeed Field Marshal Sir John French in command of the armies in France and Flanders.

"Since the commencement of the war, during over 16 months of severe and incessant strain, Field Marshal French has most ably commanded our armies in France and Flanders and he has now, at his own instance, relinquished that command.

"His Majesty's government, with full appreciation of and gratitude for the conspicuous services which Field Marshal French has rendered to his country at the front, have, with the King's approval, requested him to accept appointment of field marshal commander-in-chief, the troops stationed in the United Kingdom, and Field Marshal French has accepted that appointment.

"The King has been pleased to confer upon Sir John French the dignity of Viscount of the United Kingdom."

MUNITIONS SCANDAL CHARGED IN FRANCE

War Ministry Severely Criticised by Deputy Simyan.

Alleges Relations Between the Ministry and Certain Individuals Selling the Government Supplies Are Too Intimate.

Paris, Dec. 14, (Delayed)—During the debate in the chamber of deputies today severe criticism was made of relations between the war ministry and certain individuals who are selling supplies to the government. It was asserted the ministry had dealt with persons whose sole occupation hitherto had consisted of frequently pleasure resorts at night and there picking up customers. These persons, it was said, were regarded as worthy to furnish shoes, clothing and cannon.

Deputy Julien Antoine Simyan said this was scandalous, and even criminal and that a government official who, being informed of the facts, declined to strike the guilty persons became an accomplice. M. Simyan asserted proper precautions had not been taken and that excessive prices had been paid for supplies.

An attack was then made by M. Simyan upon those who are conducting purchases for private gain.

M. Simyan caused his attacks on contractors heedless of numerous depu-

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FARM MARKETING SYSTEM PROPOSED

Congress Urged to Establish Chambers of Agriculture.

NATIONAL AND LOCAL

Creation of Rural Credits System Also Urged—Southern Commissioners of Agriculture Meet Next at Richmond, Va.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 15.—The association of Southern Commissioners of Agriculture after an executive session here today announced the adoption of resolutions calling upon the United States Congress to establish a "semi-official national, state, county and township system" of chambers of agriculture. The sole purpose of the various organizations, the resolutions urged, should be to facilitate and develop the marketing and distribution of farm products "in a local and upon a nation-wide basis," resolutions also were passed, it was announced ,urging upon Congress the creation of a rural credit system "enacted upon the basis of organization of borrowers and not to lenders."

The resolutions urging a system of chambers of agriculture, as announced by E. J. Watson, commissioner of agriculture of South Carolina, would provide that Congress empower the President to appoint a commission of seven members to organize the chambers of agriculture on the following basis:

Township charters would be granted upon application of at least 25 persons, and later county and then state charters would be granted upon the basis of increased membership. When 20 state chamber of agriculture had been organized, the proposed law would empower the chambers to elect representatives, who would form "the semi-official national chamber of agriculture. This body then would supercede seven organizers appointed by the President: The resolutions proposed that the chambers of agriculture be "unattached to any purely official political department or bureau."

Commissioner Watson explained that the work of the proposed organization would be similar to that done by the German government for German farmers.

The resolutions came after a conference between Southern commissioners and David Lubin, United States delegate to the international institute of agriculture at Rome. They will be presented tomorrow before the Southern Commercial Congress, now in session here, for approval, and were signed by agricultural commissioners from Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas.

The association of Southern Commissioners of Agriculture today chose Richmond, Va., for its next annual convention, and elected the folowing officers:

President, Commissioner George W. Koiner, of Virginia.

Vice President, Commissioner H. B. Bryson, of Tennessee.

Secretary-Treasurer, Commissioner J. A. Wade, of Alabama.

INSCRIPTION WRITTEN BY PRESIDENT WILSON

For Swiss Soldiers' Home, Which Bears His Name.

Americans in Switzerland Have Contributed $6,000 for Three Such Homes—Two Named for Washington and Lincoln.

Berne, Switz., (via Paris), Dec. 15.—President Wilson has written an inscription for the soldiers' home bearing his name to be dedicated in elaborate exercises here on December 21. Americans in Switzerland have contributed $6,000 for three of these homes which are suitable for being transported along the frontier where Swiss soldiers are guarding the long line under rigorous mountain conditions.

The first home was named George Washington, the second Abraham Lincoln and the third Woodrow Wilson. The dedication ceremony will be attended by the Swiss president-elect, members of the diplomatic corps, Federal assemblymen, and commanders of the army.

Pleasant A. Stovall, the American minister to Switzerland, will make the presentation and will read a letter from President Wilson. The inscription written by President Wilson is now being carved over the door of the home. It reads:

"This home was erected by citizens of the United States as an evidence

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ADEQUATE NAVY IS IMPORTANT TO THE SOUTH'S INTERESTS

Daniels Declares It is Indispensable in Maintaining a Merchant Marine.

SPEAKS AT CHARLESTON

National Defense Day, With Military and Naval Parade, Feature Yesterday.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 15.—Today was National Defense Day at the Southern Commercial Congress, and prominent speakers, including Secretary of the Navy Daniels, Assistant Secretary of War Breckinridge, and Chairman Padgett, of the House naval committee, urged the "South's vital interest" in creating and maintaining an adequate army and navy.

A military and naval parade late today was reviewed by Congressman L. P. Padgett, Secretary Daniels, Assistant Secretary of War Breckinridge, Rear Admiral Coffman and officers of warships in Charleston harbor, and officers of the congress. Tonight Secretary Daniels was the guest of honor at a banquet given by the city of Charleston.

Tomorrow will be taken up with discussion of foreign trade possibilities. Secretary Daniels, it was announced, will remain here to visit the Charleston navy yard.

Interests Depend Upon Navy.

"The South has a vital interest in maintaining an adequate navy," declared Secretary Daniels in addressing the Congress. "Not only has the South contributed to the power and glory of the navy in the way of heroism and romance but her interests are bound up in adequate and efficient navy."

After pointing out that the South has suffered severely for lack of ships to carry her produce across the seas during the present European war, secretary Daniels said:

"The South cannot raise cotton and tobacco, if America is not to maintain a merchant marine, for the bulk of these crops must find their markets abroad. But along with a merchant marine goes an adequate navy. It is written in the stars that America is to have the former, and therefore a strong first line of defense is indispensable in the shape of a well proportioned and adequate navy. The latter is insured in the present five-year programme if the 64th Congress shall endorse the project, so earnestly approved by the President in his recent address to Congress."

Intimate Relation With Navy.

In reviewing the South's intimate relation with the navy in the past, Secretary Daniels recalled that many of the great geniuses of both Revolutionary and Civil Wars were Southern men, the first three secretaries of the navy were from the South, so that the South presided over the Navy Department from its organization in 1798 for 20 years, he said. Virginia contributed

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DREXEL CASE GETS IN LONDON COURTS AGAIN

Discord in the Domestic Affairs Comes to Light

American Banker Seeks to Evade Paying Wife Money Under Deed of Separation—Claims France as His Home.

London, Dec. 15.—Discord in the domestic affairs of the American banker, Anthony J. Drexel, and his wife, Margarita Armstrong Drexel, came to the surface today in the chancery court where the husband moved to set aside service of a notice of a writ by the wife to recover money due, under a separation deed, on the ground that his domicile was France and that he was outside the jurisdiction of English courts.

The agreement under the deed of separation, it was brought out, was to the effect that as circumstances had arisen, which in the wife's statement made it absolutely necessary they should live apart and the husband agreeing and the wife abandoning her intention to institute divorce proceedings for any reasons then existing, it was agreed that they should live apart and not interfere with or annoy one another or bring any action against each other. The husband was to allow the wife $50,000 yearly.

Attorney Lawrence, counsel for Mr. Drexel, referring to an interview between the husband and wife in Paris in 1910, of which there had been conflicting versions, said that according to Mrs. Drexel's account it was arranged that she continue to live in the Grosvenor Square house and the husband should give her notice of his coming in order that she might go away or have friends present to avoid repetition of scenes of which she was afraid.

Continuing, the attorney said that early in the present year Drexel decid-

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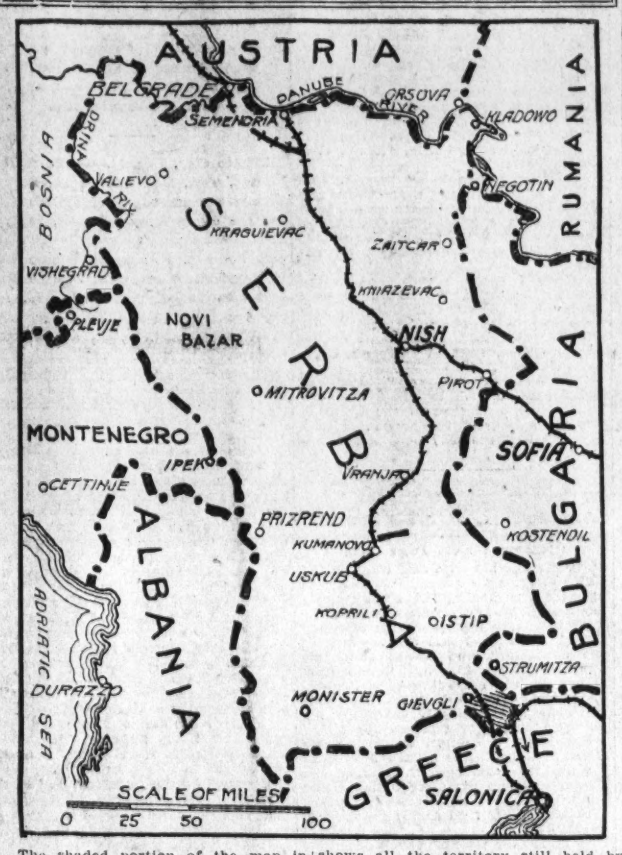
Serbia Given Up by the Allies.



The shaded portion of the map in the southern extremity of Serbia shows all the territory still held by the Allies.

BASEBALL WAR TO END IN FEW DAYS

Agreement Reached to Terminate the Federal League.

TERMS NOT YET KNOWN

Generally Understood That the Federal and National Leagues Will Be Consolidated—Many Details to be Arranged.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—The end of the baseball war came in sight tonight when American League magnates at their annual session here agreed to the peace terms arranged at New York between the Federal and National leagues. Within a few days, according to President Johnson, the details of agreement which does away with the Federals as an independent league will be arranged, the American League having consented to appoint a committee to meet envoys from the others.

The peace proposals of the Federals, agreed to at New York by the National League, were related to the American League meeting by Barny Dreyfuss, president of the Pittsburgh Nationals. For an hour Mr. Dreyfuss addressed the American League club owners, explaining in detail the agreement. Its terms were not made public, both Mr. Dreyfuss and the magnates agreeing to keep silence on these, but it is generally understood that the consolidation of the National and Federal is the basis. President Johnson declared that there would be only two leagues, the American and National.

Many Details to Arrange.

A joint peace session probably will take place within a week, according to Mr. Johnson at New York or Chicago. Many details remain to be arranged. These involve the ball players who jump from one league to another, and may result in many of the clubs getting back those who left in the war crisis.

The feeling that peace was about to be concluded put a stop to a good deal of the trade talk which preceded the meeting. That the effect of the war's end would be to create an "easier" market for ball players was admitted and all concerned denied that any trades had been arranged.

"The end of the baseball war is in sight," said President Johnson. "The plans for peace submitted by Mr. Dreyfuss were agreeable to the American League, according to the sense of our meeting, and we shall appoint a committee to go over the details.

"It is probable the meeting of the committees will be followed by a meeing of the National Commission. The proposition for peace includes there remaining two major leagues."

The peace terms, as previously given out by members of both the National and Federal leagues, included the purchase of a large interest in one of the New York clubs by Harry Sinclair; the purchase of the Chicago Nationals by Charles Weeghman and his associates; the sale of the Browns or Cardinals at St. Louis to Phil Ball and Otto Steifel, and the amalgamation of the Brooklyn Nationals and Federals. Neither Mr. Dreyfuss nor the American League leaders would verify these statements.

Ends Two Years' War.

The protocol ends a war that began to attract attention just two years ago this month. The Federal League had been in existence then a year, but not until Joe Tinker, unable to reach terms with the Brooklyn Nationals, had agreed to join the Chicago Fed-

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DECLARES SUCCESS OF LOANS GENUINE

Dr. Helfferish Denies Assertions of Germany's Enemies.

DEFIES THEIR THREATS

Says Germany Has Supplies and Money to Withstand Threatened Starvation and Bankruptcy—Thrusts at Britain.

Berlin, Dec. 14, via London, Dec. 15.—(Delayed)—Dr. Karl Helfferish, secretary of the imperial treasury, in his speech today in the Reichstag in support of the bill for a supplementary war credit of $2,500,000,000, denied flatly assertions made by newspapers in foreign countries that the success of the war loans was fictitious and made possible only by the loans of subscribers through the war credit banks. He stated that the total loans by these institutions was 1,600,000,000 marks ($400,000,000) as compared with over 25,000,000,000 marks ($6,250,000,000) in subscriptions. Referring to his estimate in August that the total cost of the war to all the belligerents was almost 300,000,000 marks daily, Dr. Helfferish said that this amount could not be estimated at from 2,500,000,000 to 3,300,000,000 marks. This would make a yearly cost of almost 120 billion marks he said, an amount equal to half the total valuation of the public and private wealth of France before the war.

Defies Threats of Enemies.

Dr. Helfferish brought his speech to a close with a defiance of Germany's enemies to make good their threats to plunge Germany into starvation and bankruptcy. He added: "On the golden pilars of the British Empire gleams, in flaming characters, 'Mene, mene, tekel, upharsin'."

The secretary's peroration contained complimentary references to German-American efforts to prevent the success of the Allies' loan flotation inthe United States. After declaring that English attempts to raise loans in that country had been failures, he added:

"Difficult conditions of the English money market was accompanied by deterioration in the English rate of exchange. England was threatened with injury to her prestige in the international money market endangering her supply of war materials and provisions from America. Under the pressure of this situation England and France sought credit in America.

"The result did not correspond with expectations and accordingly both soon attempted to obtain further credit. Their small success was due largely to the resistance of American citizens of German origin."

Dr. Helfferish then compared with the course of gilt-edged securities of France, England and Germany before the war and now.

Money England's Strong Forte.

"We are paying almost exclusively to ourselves," he said, "while the enemy is paying abroad. Therein lies the guarantee that in the future we shall maintain the advantage. It must be added that money is something different and more important with England than with us. The British Empire was largely built upon and maintained by British money power. England formed her allies and waged her wars for the most part with money. In the present war also England hopes to proceed according to this method but our brave troops forced England to

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SECOND PHASE OF BALKAN CAMPAIGN HAS COME TO END

Anglo-French Safely Across Greek Border; Bulgars Not Likely to Follow.

TEUTONS ARE PUZZLING

Many Believe They Propose to Bid for Big Victory on Western Front

London, Dec. 15.—With the Anglo-French forces safely across the Greek frontier and close to their strongly fortified base at Saloniki, where reinforcements are arriving daily, the second phase of the Balkan campaign which opened with the Teutonic invasion of Serbia and the defeat of her army, has closed and the people of the belligerent countries are anxiously waiting for the next move.

It seems fairly well settled that the Bulgarians don't intend to invade Greece, an action which would likely cause dissensions in that country, which already is uneasy over the Bulgarian occupation of Monastir. Also it is not believed that the Austrians and Germans have sufficient troops available to attack the Entente Allies.

The speculation naturally has to do with the Germans and their intentions. They are variously reported to be concentrated near an attempt to drive the Entente Allies from the Gallipoli peninsula. All these reports lack confirmation.

One thing seems certain to the military observers—that the Germans will have to keep a close watch on the Rumanian side, not only because of the danger of that country entering the war against them, but to meet the threat of a Russian invasion through Poland, which, although nothing has been said of it recently, has not been lost sight of.

Wherever the Germans move they will find the Entente Allies prepared. Saloniki is being made stronger daily and has the backing of warships, as also has the Galipoli peninsula where the Entente positions likewise have been strengthened. The Russians are believed by the military authorities to be able to cope with any army the Teutonic powers can collect on the Rumanian border while Egypt which is said to be another of their objectives, also has been placed in a state of defense.

There are many persons who believe that the Germans propose to rest on heir laurels in the Near East for the time being, and make a bid for victory on the western front. Persistent reports come from Holland of the concentration of German armies in Belgium and Luxemburg with the intention of striking a blow as soon as the ground permits it. At the present moment the greater part of the country is a sea of mud, in which it would be suicide for any army to attempt an offensive.

General Townshend reports the repulse of further Turkish attacks against the British position at Kut-el-Amara, Mesopotamia.

There have been no changes in the situation on any of the fronts.

FRANCE'S WAR EXPENSES.

Summarized by Appropriations Committee of Chamber of Deputies.

Paris, Dec. 14.—The appropriations committee of the Chamber of Deputies, reporting today upon the requirements of the government for the first quarter of 1916, summarizes the cost of the war thus:

The total expenses of the government from August 1, 1914, to December 31, 1915, were 31,024,000,000 francs, ($6,204,800,000) of which the purely military expenditures were 24,347,000,000 francs. While the average expenses of the government during the first five months of the war were 1,780,000,000 francs, the estimates for the first quarter of the new year averaged 2,505,000,000 francs.

The committee reported that it had rejected the request of the minister of finance, that the income tax of July, 1914, should be applied to January 1, 1917.

SUPER-ZEPPELIN DESTROYED

Said to Have Been Due to Accidental Explosion of Bomb.

Copenhagen, (via London), Dec. 15.—A report of the destruction of the super-Zeppelin L-22 was received from Schleswig today by a Copenhagen newspaper. It said nearly all the forty members of the crew were killed or wounded.

The loss of the Zeppelin is said to have been due to the accidental explosion o fa bomb as the airship was leaving its shed. According to this account, the accident occurred a fortnight ago. The Zeppelin was of the latest type, with invisible gondolas, platforms at the top of the envelops, and detachable rafts for use in case of accident while crossing the sea.

GERMAN SUBMARINE SUNK.

Turkish Torpedo Boat Also Reported to Have Been Destroyed.

Paris, Dec. 14.—The correspondent at tAhens of the Milan Secolo says a German submarine has been sunk in the Black sea off the Bulgarian port of Varna, and that a Turkish torpedo boat has been sunk in the Sea of Marmora by the British.

The Turkish cruiser Sultan Selim, formerly the German warship Goeben, came out into the Black sea, the correspondent adds, and was torpedoed, thpugh the vessel was not seriously damaged.

1915 CROPS VALUED AT $5,568,773,000

American Harvest Surpasses Any Ever Recorded.

WAR SENDS PRICES UP

Wheat Production Greatest in Country's History and Corn the Second Greatest—Government Issues Final Estimate.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The nation's harvests this year have surpassed any ever before recorded. The value of the principal farm crops, based on prices paid to farmers December 1, was announced today by the Department of Agriculture in its final estimate as $5,568,773,000, making 1915 a banner year both in value and in production of crops.

The unusual situation of extraordinary production and high prices, probably never before so pronounced is credited principally to the European war.

With the price of grain soaring as the war progressed, American farmers began the season by planting greater areas to grain. The acreage of the principal crop this year aggregated approximately 486,570 square miles. That is larger than the combined area of Germany, France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark and Switzerland.

Corn was planted on 108,321,000 acres, the second largest area ever planted, and the harvest was 3,054,535,000 bushels, the second largest crop ever grown. Its value was $1,755,859,000, exceeding that of the previous most valuable corn crop by $33,000,000.

New records were made in production of wheat, oats, barley, rye, sweet potatoes, rice and hay, while tobacco closely approached its production record, 1,103,415,000 pounds, made in 1910. Each of these crops, in addition, established records as being the most valuable ever grown, except in the case of barley and tobacco.

Production of the first billion bushel wheat crop and the second three billion bushel corn crop were features of the year. Wheat acreage aggregated 59,898,000 acres, or 6,000,000 more than ever before. The yield was 16.9 bushels an acre, the largest acre yield for winter and spring wheat combined ever attained in this country. The final estimate of production was 1,011,505,000 bushels with a value of $930,302,000. The crop exceeded last year's, which was a record by more than 120,000,000 bushels and by $50,000,000 in value.

Oats, rye, potatoes, sweet potatoes and tobacco all were planted on record areas. Oats exceeded its record production of 1912 by 122,000,000 bushels, and its record value of 1914, by $56,000,000. Barley production was 13,000,000 bushels more than the 1912 record crop and was worth $4,000,000 more than the former most valuable crop, grown in 1914. Rice passed the 1913 record by 3,200,000 bushels and its 1912 record value by $1,700,000. Sweet potatoes exceeded by 14,000,000 bushels the 1910 record and were worth $3,100,000 more than the 1913 value record. Hay showed a 12,500,000 ton increase over the record crop of 1912 and was worth $55,600,000 more than the value record made that year. Tobacco, while growing on a record acreage, was worth $26,000,000 less than in the record value year.

The potato crop received perhaps the most severe setback of the year. Farmers planted a record acreage to potatoes, but the outturn was only 359,103,000 bushels. That was 61,500,000 bushels below the record year and 50,800,000 less than last year. The value of the crop, however, was $22,000,000 more than last year.

The apple crop was 76,670,000 bushels, valued at $156,407,000; the bean crop in the three principal producing states, 9,325,000 bushels, a decrease of 1,688,000 bushels; valued at $27,558,000, and the cranberry crop, 457,000 bushels, valued at $2,845,000. The value of these three crops are included in the year's total.

The value this year of each crop, based on its farm price on December 1, with last year's value, is announced as follows: (in thousands, i.e., 000's omitted).

Crop	1915	1914
Corn	$1,755,579	$1,722,070
Winter wheat	632,012	675,623
Spring wheat	308,290	203,057
All Wheat	930,302	878,680
Oats	555,569	499,431
Barley	122,499	105,903
Rye	41,295	37,018
Buckwheat	12,408	12,892
Flax Seed	24,080	19,540
Rice	26,212	21,849
Potatoes	221,104	198,609
Sweet Potatoes	46,081	41,294
Hay	912,320	779,068
Tobacco	96,091	101,411
Cotton	602,393	525,324
Sugar Beets	35,800	30,438

In addition to these crops other farm products, such as minor crops and animals and animal products, will bring the year's total to about $10,000,000,000.

Other details of the report show: (production in thousands, i.e., 000's omitted):

Corn—Production, 3,054,535 bushels, against 2,672,804 last year. Acre yield 28.2 bushels, against 25.8 last year; December 1 farm price, 57.2 cents per bushel, against 64.4 last year.

Winter Wheat—Production 655,045 bushels, against 684,990 last year; acre yield 16.2 bushels, against 19 last year; price 95 cents, against 98.6 last year.

Spring wheat—Production 356,400 bushels, against 206,027 last year; acre yield 18.3 bushels, against 11.8 last year; price 86.5 cents against 98.6 last year.

All Wheat—Production, 1,011,505 bushels, against 891,017 last year; acre yield 16.9 bushels, against 16.6 last year; price 92 cents, against 98.6 last year.

Oats—Production, 1,540,362 bushels, against 1,141,060 last year; acre yield 37.8 bushels, against 29.7 last year; price 36.1 cents, against 43.8 last year.

Rice—Production, 28,947 bushels, against 23,649 last year; acre yield 36.1 bushels against 34.1 last year; price 90.6 cents, against 92.4 last year.

Potatoes—Production 359,003 bushels, against 405,921 last year; acre yield 95.5 bushels, against 109.5 last year; price 61.6 cents against 48.9 last year.

Sweet Potatoes—Production 74,295 bushels, against 56,574 last year; acre yield 103.3 bushels, against 93.8 last year; price 62 cents, against 73 cents last year.

Hay—Production, 85,325 tons, against 70,071 last year; acre yield 1.68 tons, against 1.43 last year; price $10.70 against $11.12 last year.

Tobacco—Production 1,060,587 pounds against 1,034,679 last year; acre yield 775.1 pounds, against 845.7 last year; price 9.1 cents, against 9.8 last year.

Cotton—Production 11,161 bales of 500 pounds gross, excluding linters, against 16,135 last year; acre yield 172.5 pounds, against 209.2 last year; price 11.2 cents a pound, against 6.8 last year.

ADEQUATE NAVY IS IMPORTANT TO THE SOUTH'S INTERESTS

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four secretaries, North Carolina five, Maryland three and Louisiana and Alabama one each.

"The South," said Secretary Daniels, "has altogether presided over the navy for a period of 42 years, out of the 117 years of its existence, more than one-third of its life."

"The South, with the worthy past she has played in the history of the American navy is not less interested in the navy now than in the past," he declared.

Congressman Padgett, of Tennessee, who preceded Mr. Daniels, made an elaborate defense of naval policies under Secretary Daniels' administration.

Assistant Secretary of War Breckinridge, representing Secretary Garrison, urged support for the Washington administration's plan for an increased army. "The foundation stone of this military policy," he said, "is the continental army."

Bryan Makes Short Speech.

Former Secretary of State Bryan arrived late tonight in time to speak briefly at the Southern Commercial Congress banquet. After a brief plea against increased armament, he declared:

"When I heard a reference to the nation's honor, I thought that gold braid would fall off" (virtually the only persons present wearing gold braid were naval officers from ships of the Atlantic fleet, sent to Charleston for the Congress).

"I cannot talk to you," continued Mr. Bryan, "I talk to those who pay your salaries. I talk to the tax-payers, the masses of the people. I cannot talk to those who live on the salaries."

DREXEL CASE GETS IN LONDON COURTS AGAIN

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ed to divorce his wife and went to the United States to see his brother and his sister regarding it. He also told his son-in-law, Viscount Maidstone.

According to the latter, the attorney stated, Mr. Drexel said he was sick of the agreement and would force his wife to divorce him by stopping her allowance, but according to Mr. Drexel's version he told Viscount Maidstone he had definitely made up his mind to take divorce proceedings.

Mr. Drexel's counsel said that his client had a right to regard France as his natural residence. Last May Mr. Drexel gave up his London house and applied for French citizenship and at the end of July filed a suit for divorce in Paris.

"This is only part of a well arranged plot to escape English jurisdiction," declared Sir Edward Carson, who represented Mrs. Drexel.

According to an affidavit made by Mr. Drexel he stopped his wife's allowance when the divorce proceedings were undertaken because he was told that it was the proper course under the French law.

Mrs. Drexel in an affidavit depoised that her husband had repeatedly told her that he had found it "impossible to live in America and that England was the only fit place to live in."

Mrs. Drexel further deposed in her affidavit that after 1909 her married life was very unhappy; that her husband assaulted her on more than one occasion and treated her with great indignity.

Another affidavit, from Mr. Drexel, denied that he had ever assaulted his wife and a final affidavit from Mrs. Drexel declared that he husband had not dared to charge her in the Paris proceedings with misconduct. The hearing was adjourned.

Warm War Wirelets

Paris, Dec. 13. — The Greek parliamentary elections have been fixed for Sunday next, says a Havas dispatch from Saloniki today.

London, Dec. 15.—King Constantine, of Greece, has contracted a mild influenza with symptoms of a slight fever, according to the Daily Chronicle's Athens correspondent. The court physicians are said to have prescribed that the king take a complete rest.

London, Dec. 15. — Between 2,000,000 and 2,500,000 men have enlisted under the recruiting plan of the Earl of Derby, according to the Daily Sketch.

Rome, via Paris, Dec. 13. — The Italian destroyer Intrepido and the Italian transport Re Umberto have been sunk in the Adriatic sea by drifting mines, according to announcement made in a semi-official note. All the members of the crews were saved with the exception of forty men abouard the transport and three on the destroyer.

M'KELLAR IS NOMINATED

Wins Out Over Patterson in Race for U. S. Senator From Tennessee.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 15.—Representative Kenneth D. McKellar, of Memphis, was nominated by Tennessee Democrats at primary today to succeed Luke Lea as United States Senator. Indications late tonight were that his majority would be excess of 15,000 votes. Former Governor Malcolm R. Patterson, Mr. McKellar's opponent in the primary, issued a statement conceding defeat and peldging support for the nominee.

Today's voting ended a vigorous three-cornered fight for the nomination by McKellar, Patterson and Senator Lea. The latter was eliminated from the running at a primary last month, both Patterson and McKellar, however, failing a that time to poll sufficient votes for nomination.

SAYS UNITED STATES UNFIT TO MEDIATE BETWEEN BELLIGERENTS

Because it Denies Justice to Women in Not Giving Them the Ballot.

Washington, Dec. 15.—An arraignment of the United States as unfit to mediate between the warring nations of Europe because it denies justice to its own women marked the farewell speech today of Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, retiring president, before the annual convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association.

Paris, Dec. 15.—France, in common with Great Britain, Russia, Italy and Belgium, has recognized the Carranza government in Mexico.

HEAD OF GENERAL HERNANDEZ TAKEN

Sent to General Gonzales as Christmas Present.

COL. LEYVA ALSO SLAIN

Hernandez Was Confidant of Diaz, While President of Mexico, and Relative of Huerta—Defeat of Reactionaries.

Mexico City, Dec. 14. — (By mail to Laredo, Tex., Dec. 15.)—General Pablo Gonzales, commander of Mexico City, for the de facto government, received a telegram saying that the head of General Juan B. Hernandez, former intimate friend of President Porfirio Diaz, and relative of General Huerta, was being shipped to him from Esperanza, State of Vera Cruz, as a Christmas present.

The message conveying this information read:

"If in one single day the heads of our bloody enemies of our country fall, we find ourselves on the way to the complete peace and to the enjoyment of that grandeur to which all cultured nations have a right. With great satisfaction I was honored to communicate to you in my previous telegram the victory which has gloriously crowned our arms as our valiant soldiers have inflicted a serious defeat upon the forces of the reactionaries of Aguilar and Hernandez, who left on the field 23 dead, counting amongst them Colonel Ploquint Leyva and that of the octogenarian, the former companion and confidant of Porfirio Diaz—General of division, Juan B. Hernandez—whose head permit me to send to you by Lieutenant Colonel Teofilo Gomez, as the best material evidence of our activities.

"General Francisco J. Barbosa will continue actively fighting this nucleus of reactionaries until their complete extermination has been effected.

"I will continue to inform you of the results of this campaign. I congratulate you upon this signal triumph of the constitutionalist arms and very attentively salute you.

(Signed)

"Lieut.-Col. Chief of Arms,
"LUNA GALICIA."

General Hernandez, who was 81 years old, was widely known throughout the republic as a member of the Cientificoes party.

INSCRIPTION WRITTEN BY PRESIDENT WILSON

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of their admiration for the Swiss republic, of their gratitude for its hospitality and protection and of the cordial and sincere friendship which has always existed between that ancient republic and government and the people of the United States of America, a friendship based upon common principles of life, common ideals and common aspirations."

COTTON GROWERS WANT TO KNOW

Those Around Burgaw Asking About Prices—Other Pender Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Burgaw, N. C., Dec. 15.—The cotton growers of this vicinity have been scanning The Star very closely lately to see if they can find any explanation of the difference in the prices of cotton in Wilmington and the other ports. Thus far their quest has been in vain, though the difference in prices continues. They really would like to know what reason there is for the difference, for there must be a reason, else there would be no difference, they contend.

R. H. Paddison, Esq., deputy United States shipping commission at the port of New York, arrived at home two or three days ago to spend the holidays with his parents.

E. L. Larkins, who is now located at City Point, Va., and who was here when the fire occurred at Hopewell, has returned to that place. The friends of Mrs. Larkins, who was there when the fire occurred will be glad to know that the house in which she was living was not burned and she did not lose her personal effects.

BAPTIST STATE MISSION BOARD MAPS YEAR'S WORK

Mr. E. L. Middleton, Revs. W. R. Bradshaw and J. D. Moore Re-Elected.

Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 15.—The Baptist State board of missions was in session here today mapping out the work for the next year, following the recent State convention in Charlotte, the work to be under the leadership of Rev. W. N. Johnson, as successor of Rev. Livingston Johnson, as corresponding secretary. The board re-elected John E. Ray, of Raleigh, as chairman and E. L. Middleton as secretary and apportioned the $55,000 State mission fund among the 150 missionary workers who serve in the various mission fields of the State.

The board re-elected Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, of Hickory, as co-operative mission worker in the western section of the State and elected J. I. Kendrick, of Wake Forest, to serve in like capacity in the eastern end of the State. E. L. Middleton was re-elected secretary of the Sunday school work and J. D. Moore as secretary for the Baptist Young People's Union work. Mr. Moore will devote his entire time to the work instead of just half time as in the past, and will move his family from Ridgecrest to Raleigh early in the New York.

DEMAND GRAND JURY PROBE.

Richmond Papers Want Death of V. M. I. Student Investigated.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 15. — Richmond newspapers today unanimously demanded grand jury investigation of the death, December 10, of Thurber Sweet, of Chicago, at the Virginia Military Institute. Dr. W. H. Scott today gave to delegate Hugh A. White a statement that cadet Sweet told him that hazers had beaten him wit ha bayonet, the butt of a gun and had broken three broomsticks across his shoulders.

V. M. I. officials and cadets vehemently declare there is no hazing at V. M. I.; that the boy was homesick, and made up the story, and that his father was satisfied his son died from natural causes.

OPPOSES DISAVOWAL OF ACTION OF THE SUBMARINE COMMANDER IN SINKING THE ANCONA

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duct of submarine warfare were the work of the Berlin foreign office in spite of the naval authorities.

Officials observed that the statement reveals that the submarine commander supplemented his first report on the destruction of the Ancona and turned in his log, thus apparently disposing of reports that the Vienna government was handicapped in preparing an answer to the American note by inability to communicate with the commander.

A reply from Austria is expected before the end of the week, but no word had been received tonight to indicate just when it would arrive.

The United States has demanded that Austria disavow the sinking of the liner, punish the submarine commander, make reparation for the Americans who lost their lives or were injured and give assurances that such acts will not be repeated.

In spite of the fact that there has been little evidence of tension such as existed at the time Germany and the United States were exchanging notes over submarine warfare, it generally is believed in official circles that failure of Austria to make a satisfactory reply to these demands will be followed by a rupture in diplomatic relations.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 15. — Leonard Paulson, a well known cotton yarn commission merchantt of New York city, died tonight at the home of Robert S. Reinhardt, a friend, whom he had been visiting, since becoming indisposed at a Masonic meeting in this city ten days ago.

A slow answer may mean dullness, instead of deliberation.

Prayer is communion with your own consciousness.

To jump at conclusions, may be to vault over the rights of others.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE.

Pursuant to a power of sale contained in one certain mortgage given by D. M. Beardsley and wife, Sarah E. Beardsley, to H. A. Burr, Jr., on August 15, 1914, and duly recorded in Book 78, page 402, Public Records of New Hanover County, and assigned by the said mortgagee to the Standard Supply Company, default having been made in the payment of the notes secured by said mortgage, the undersigned will, on Monday, the 20th day of December, 1915, at 12:00 o'clock, M., at the Court House door, in Wilmington, North Carolina, offer for sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described pieces, parcels or lots of land, located in Harnett Township, New Hanover County, and bounded and described as follows:

First Tract—Being lot No. 7, Block A, on the Revised Map of Seagate Park, and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the western line of Myrtle Avenue, seven hundred and four (704) feet northwardly from its intersection with the northern line of Bradley's Creek Macadam Road, said point being south 30 degrees west about three hundred and fifty (350) feet from high water mark on west side of Bradley's Creek, runs thence south 30 degrees west and along said western line of Myrtle Avenue fifty-four (54) feet to a point in the northern line of Lot No. six (6) in said Block, runs thence north 61 degrees west and parallel with Bradley's Creek Road one hundred and ninety-three (193) feet and eight (8) inches, thence north 30 degrees east and parallel with Myrtle avenue fifty-four (54) feet; thence south 61 degrees east and parallel with Bradley's Creek Road one hundred and ninety-three (193) feet and eight (8) inches, to the western line of Myrtle Avenue, the beginning.

Second Tract—Being Lot No. 4, Block A, according to Revised Map of Seagate Park, recorded in Book 65, at page 465 of the Records of New Hanover County, aforesaid, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the easterly line of a tract of land now or formerly belonging to Gertrude J. Howell, said point being located north 30 degrees E. 715 feet from the northerly line of Bradley's Creek Road, and running thence north 30 degrees E. 377 feet, more or less, to high water mark, or west side of Bradley's or Lee's Creek; thence in a southeastwardly direction along said high water mark of said creek fifty-eight (58) feet to the northwestern corner of Lot No. 3, in said Block; thence south 30 degrees west along the western line of said Lot No. 3, 362 feet, to the southwest corner of said lot No. 3, and thence north 61 degrees west fifty-two and two-tenths (52.2) feet to the beginning, together with nelessary right of way as granted in deed from A. W. Pate and wife to S. W. Sebrell, dated April 30, 1909, duly recorded in Book 58, at page 268 of the Records of said County.

Said sale being made subject to a first mortgage for approximately $450.00, given by H. A. Burr, Jr., and wife, to the Rural Building and Loan Association and recorded in Book 68, page 172.

This the 15th day of November, 1915.

STANDARD SUPPLY COMPANY,
Assignee of Mortgage.

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Start Tomorrow and Keep It Up Every Morning

Get in the habit of drinking a glass of hot water before breakfast.

We're not here long, so let's make our stay agreeable. Let us live well, eat well, digest well, work well, sleep well, and look well. What a glorious condition to attain, and yet, how very easy it is if one will only adopt the morning inside bath.

Folks who are accustomed to feel dull and heavy when they arise, splitting headache, stuffy from a cold, foul tongue, nasty breath, acid stomach, can instead, feel as fresh as a daisy by opening the sluices of the system each morning and flushing out the whole of the internal poisonous stagnant matter.

Everyone, whether ailing, sick or well, should, each morning, before breakfast, drink a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it to wash from the stomach, liver and bowels the previous days indigestible waste, sour bile and poisonous toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach. The action of hot water and limestone phosphate on an empty stomach is wonderfully invigorating. It cleans out all the sour fermentations, gases, waste and acidity and gives one a splendid appetite for breakfast. While you are enjoying your breakfast the water and phosphate is quietly extracting a large volume of water from the blood and getting ready for a thorough flushing of all the inside organs.

The millions of people who are bothered with constipation, bilious spells, stomach trouble; others who have sallow skins, blood disorders and sickly complexions are urged to get a quarter pound of limestone phosphate from the drug store. This will cost very little, but is sufficient to make anyone a pronounced crank on the subject of inside bathing before breakfast.

Only good wheat can produce good flour. Only the finest wheat can make the finest flour—Valier's Dainty Flour is made from the very best variety of soft winter wheat that is grown.
It is milled slowly to retain full baking quality of the flour and sifted through silk to get fineness. Sometimes it costs a trifle more by the sack, but always it costs less in use, because it makes more baking.
Valier's Romance Flour is Valier's Dainty Flour with self-rising ingredients mixed in accurate proportions. Requires no salt or baking powder.
VALIER'S BEST PATENT DAINTY FLOUR
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I wish every suffering woman would give

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

a trial. I still use Cardui when I feel a little bad, and it always does me good."

Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.

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A quick and most effective remedy for colds is a preparation known as Gowans (most powerful and penetrating), which is applied externally. It is a well known fact that most cases of pneumonia and other serious forms of bronchal and lung troubles are developed from slight colds and Gowans has prevented thousands of cases of these serious illnesses by breaking up the cold in its early stages and even in advanced, serious cases of pneumonia itself. The most stubborn cases have been relieved by rubbing Gowans on the chest, under the arms and between the shoulder blades at night before going to bed and covering with a warm flannel cloth. The healing medicines penetrate to the affected parts quickly, reducing the inflamation and breaking up the congestion. Gowans is also very effective in treating all other forms of cold troubles such as head and chest colds, coughs croup, whooping cough, inflammation congestion, catarrh, bronchitis, asthma, etc. Try this remedy tonight Don't accept a substitute. "Demand Gowans, because Gowans is more penetrating." At druggists in 25c, 50c and $1.00 bottles. Free sample and testimonials on request, by writing the Gowan Medical Co., Concord, N. C.

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The big, round American Dollar is becoming the unit of value the world over.

Pounds, shillings and pence, marks and francs have had their day, and now the Dollar rules Supreme.

He is worthy of respect and honor, and we beg you to consider carefully before disposing of him.

Think what he means; think of his power, his value and the good he can do.

Don't throw him away; don't spend him foolishly, but get his worth whenever you pass him along. Every Dollar, every Dime, every Nickel deposited in this ban' brings its owner full value and lays the foundation for future prosperity, happiness and comfort.

Open an account today. Take care of that Dollar, and he will take care of you.

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Buy at Home

Following out the "Rotary" idea, Mr. Moore and his committee insist that the money that stays in Wilmington is the only money that really helps build the city. That being the case, patronize the

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The Only Oil Company in the City Whose Money Remains in Wilmington.

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In Wilmington. Experience in Life Insurance is not essential.

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NOTICE

To All Concerned—That Bernice C. Moore, 716 North 4th St., will sell, For Cash Only, beginning December 15th

STATE BANKS HAVE HAD GOOD YEAR OF GROWTH

Statements of Condition Now and a Year Ago Compared

Better Condition Strikingly Set Forth in Summary by Corporation Commission—Cotton Oil Mill to Use Soy Beans.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 15.—The growth of North Carolina State banks the past year is strikingly shown in a summary of statements of condition at this time compared with condition one year ago, issued today by the Corporation Commission. It shows total resources of $87,660,324, which is a gain of $1,740,300 over the total resources a year ago. There were 417 banks, including 17 branch banks, reporting November 10 this year, compared with 422, including 18 branch banks reporting October 31, 1914.

The summary just issued shows $15,057,002 savings deposits, an increase of $1,455,199 for the year; demand certificates of deposit $6,742,055, an increase of $2,342,268; deposits subject to check, $30,773,077, an increase of $2,229,180. Time certificates of deposit at this time aggregate $8,964,518, a decrease of $1,111,661.

Members of the Corporation Commission say that the items showing decreases are in most instances as creditable to the general banking conditions as the increases shown. For instance, bills payable decreased from $7,567,431 to $3,694,200 and notes and bills rediscounted decreased from $1,689,824 to $744,973, both indicating very much more sound banking conditions. The total increases in the various phases of bank finances was $4,114,923 and the total decreases $2,374,623. Loans and discounts decreased $2,225,293 and overdrafts $88,431. Holdings in North Carolina bonds decreased $60,898. The value of banking houses, furniture and fixtures increased $298,876. The total increase in deposits was about $6,000,000.

Oil From the Soy Bean.

Mr. C. B. Williams, chief of the division of agronomy of the Experiment Station and of the State Department of Agriculture, has gone to Elizabeth City to witness some demonstrations there by the local cotton oil mill in the extraction of oil from the soy bean. He is to be joined by Mr. W. J. Morse, of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Williams thinks that there are great possibilities in the use of the soy bean by the cotton oil mills of the South. The bean contains about the same amount of oil and protein that is contained in the cotton seed. At least 200 pounds of oil should be secured from each ton of seed. In addition to this, between 1,700 and 1,800 pounds of soy bean meal is secured. This meal has a high feeding value. In Europe a great deal of this meal or cake has been used, which was imported from Manchuria. It resembles somewhat linseed cake, but is somewhat lighter in color and has a characteristic taste, resembling that of peas. It has a feeding value about equal to that of cotton seed meal. At present it is used almost entirely for feeding cattle, the relative cheapness of the cake making it very popular.

There was some hesitation shown at first in buying by the feeders of Denmark, the great butter producing country, in regard to its introduction, as it was at first feared that the taste of the butter might be affected by cows fed on the meal. But experiments have fully proven the reverse to be true, and the demand in that country, as well as in Holland, has steadily increased since its first introduction.

Owing to its richness in protein, the meal or cake should be used with some precaution as has to be observed in the feeding of any concentrates. It is said to be unsuited for calves and lambs, and when used for the grown stock it should be mixed in equal parts with some cereal product, such as corn, barley or wheat.

Many of the staple food products of the Chinese, Japanese and Koreans are made from the soy bean. The consumption in the world of the soy bean and its products as human food is comparatively small compared to its other uses. It has been found that when mixed in the proportion of one of soy bean meal to five or six of flour or corn meal it makes a very good bread. Thus blended, the soy bean meal imparts a very pleasant flavor to the bread, which has an exceptionally high food value as the soy bean contains almost three times as much protein or albuminoids, as is contained in wheat and oats.

Banker and Pig Clubs.

Mr. Geo. A. Holderness, former president of the State Bankers' Association, a leading business man, prominent banker, farmer of Edgecombe county, has made an offer to furnish pigs to the boys of his county up to the number of 25. In furnishing these pigs the boys' personal note is taken as security by Mr. Holderness. In this way his offer does not become charity but a form of "Rural Credits." Boys and girls to the number of 25 by joining the pig club can arrange through their demonstration agent to secure one of the pigs.

In accordance with the rules of the Pig Club organization, only sows will be offered by Mr. Holderness and each boy or girl who takes one is to give his or her personal note with interest at 6 per cent. The note is payable during 1916 as arranged when the sow is taken and no other security is required. The sows are to be selected by the county demonstration and Pig Club agent, who will set a fair price on each animal. When the note matures it is to be paid in cash or in pigs at market prices.

Before the pig is placed, the member must have grazing crops planted and arrangements made with the father or guardian for the use of land for a succession of crops as decided by the county agent. The father or guardian must agree to allow the pig club member to carry out the instructions of the demonstration and the Pig Club agent. The member is to observe the rules of the pig club in regard to keeping a record and making a report of the work. The member must also agree to show his pig at the Edgecombe county fair. The member then showing the most profit and the best all around results will get his pig free of charge as a prize. The boys and girls who secure pigs under this agreement will form an organization known as the Holderness Pig Club and in the club Mr. Holderness will take a deep personal interest.

Special Hearing for J. H. Johnson.

Governor Craig will give a special hearing December 20 in the application that is pending for commutation of the road sentence of James H. Johnson, the Cumberland county lawyer, convicted of selling home-made wine in quantities that violated the State prohibition act.

Masons to Meet January 19.

The North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons is to convene January 19 with A. B. Andrews presiding as Grand Master in the stead of Grand Master F. P. Hobgood, who gave up the active grandmastership last June when he received his appointment from the Department of Justice at Washington to assume duties as special counsel in the West with Cayenne, Wyo., as headquarters. Mr. Andrews is deputy grand master and has been active grand master since Mr. Hobgood left the State. There is little prospect of Grand Secretary John C. Drewry being able to serve in his official capacity this session. He is now in a hospital at Baltimore taking special treatment. He is improving, according to reports received.

A Quinine That Won't Make You Nervous.

FEBRILINE is a trade-mark name which designates the first, original and only reliable Tasteless Syrup of Quinine. An improved Quinine, pleasant to take; does not nauseate nor cause nervousness. Children take it and never know it is Quinine. Especially adapted to adults who cannot take ordinary quinine. Try it next time you need Quinine for any purpose. Ask for 2-ounce original package. The name FEBRILINE is blown in the bottle. 25 cents.

BIG CHUNK OF FOREIGN LOAN FOR INVESTMENT

$280,000,000 Withdrawn at Syndicate Price, 96 1-4c.

$40,000,000 of Issue Sold to Public—Remainder Goes to Syndicate Members—Munitions Makers Take Big Slice.

New York, Dec. 15.—The managers of the syndicate which underwrote the Anglo-French $500,000,000 5 per cent external war loan announced today that $280,000,000 of the issue had been withdrawn for investment at the syndicate price of 96 1-4 and that $40,000,000 had been sold at public subscription for 98. The unsold balance of $180,000,000 will be distributed this week among members of the syndicate which expired yesterday, according to a previous agreement.

The syndicate also announced that the managers are distributing to those who would not withdraw their bonds for investment cash amounts to between 10 per cent and 11 per cent of the amount of their participations.

Representatives of the syndicate declared that the result established the success of the flotation, particularly in view of its foreign character, and the fact that it was the largest venture of its kind ever undertaken by American bankers.

The Anglo-French issue was the outstanding feature of today's bond market and its influence was easily perceptible in the market for other securities. Sales of the bonds (par value) amounted to about $2,400,000, or fully 30 per cent of the day's bond dealings on the exchange. The minimum price was 94 1-8, both for regular and "future" delivery. They recovered in the later dealings to 94 3-4 and closed at 94 3-8. The minimum quotation was 2 1-8 points under the price at which they were taken by the syndicate.

Of the $280,000,000 withdrawn from the market it is estimated that at least $100,000,000 was taken by manufacturers and dealers in war supplies.

The largest subscribers of this class include interests identified with the Bethlehem Steel Company, the DuPont Powder Company and its affiliated industries and several wealthy individuals, including some of the more prominent shareholders of the United States Steel Corporation. It is noteworthy that while Anglo-French bonds were being offered at concessions, war bonds and other issues of the German, Austrian and Hungarian governments which are traded in here to a limited extent, were offered at further recessions from original subscription prices. The decline in these securities was attributed chiefly to another break in marks or German exchange to the low record of 76 3-4 against the previous minimum of 77 1-8.

On the basis of four marks as the unit of exchange the present value of that currency normally worth 23 3-4 cents has depreciated to a fraction above 19 cents.

PUGILISTS SIGN AGREEMENT.

Willard and Fulton Will Fight at New Orleans March 4th.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Articles of agreement binding Jess Willard, the world's heavyweight champion pugilist, to a 20-round championship match March 4th at New Orleans with Fred Fulton, of Rochester, Minn., were signed here today.

Willard is to receive $32,500, win, lose or draw, and Fulton is to get $7,500 with a provision that in lieu of the lump sum he can elect to take 15 per cent of the moving picture rights.

The contest is to be held before the new Westside Athletic Club, of New Orleans. The agreement was signed by Tom Jones, for Jess Willard; Mike Collins for Fulton, and Thomas S. Andrews of Milwaukee, for the New Orleans Athletic Club. The referee will be chosen later.

CHARGED WITH MAKING DUMDUM BULLETS FOR ENGLISH ARMY.

Dr. Kienzele Files Affidavit Against Bridgeport, Conn., Factory.

New York, Dec. 15.—Charges that a Bridgeport, Conn., factory accepted a contract with the British government to supply the English army with dumdum bullets were made today in an affidavit filed with Assistant United States Attorney Knox by Dr. Herbert Kienzele.

Dr. Kienzele is one of the six men indicted with Robert Fay on the charge of conspiring to blow up ships carrying munitions to the Allies. His affidavit is in support of a motion for a separate trial and the appointment of a commission to take evidence in his behalf in Germany.

Dr. Kienzele says he submitted proofs to the United States government of the alleged traffic in dumdum bullets and that that was his only connection in any way with German propaganda in this country. With his affidavit today he submitted photographs of German soldiers alleged to have been wounded by dumdum bullets, made in the United States.

Both Dr. Kienzele and Bronkhorst deny in their affidavits ever having had any dealings with Fay. The motions will be heard by United States Judge Julius Mayer on Monday.

NATIONAL BANKERS HEARD

Suggest Amendments to Reserve Bank Act and Other Legislation.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Representatives of the National Bank section of the American Bankers' Association were given a hearing today by the Federal Reserve Board to suggest amendments to the Federal Reserve Act and othr legislation which would have an indirect connection with the operation of reserve banks. The bankers urged legislation to provide for uniform bills of lading, changes in reserve requirements and a provision that acceptance based on domestic business may be rediscounted by reserve banks. Only acceptances based on the importation of exportation of goods are now re-discountable.

The board has not yet determined whether it will make any recommendations to Congress for legislation.

CONSIDER DYE SITUATION.

Committee of National Association of Clothiers Meet in New York.

New York, Dec. 15.—Means of relieving the shortage of dyestuffs in this country were considered today at a meeting here of a special committee of the National Association of Clothiers. The meeting adjourned until January without taking definite action.

A majority of the members were of the opinion that a committee should be sent to Washington to urge authorities to take action on the British embargo on dyestuffs, especially the embargo on logwood from Jamaica. It was agreed that this would only give temporary relief and that Congress should be urged to pass legislation which would foster the establishment of dye factories in this country.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED.

Washington and Lee to Again Play N. C. A. & M. Next Season.

Lexington, Va., Dec. 15.—The Washington and Lee football schedule announced today, provides for games in 1916 as follows:

September 30, Randolph-Macon at Lexington; October 7, Army at West Point; October 14, Rutgers at New Brunswick, N. J.; October 21, Roanoke College at Lexington; October 28, Georgia Tech. at Atlanta; November 4, Navy at Annapolis; November 11, Swarthmore at Lexington; November 18, Washington and Jefferson at Richmond; November 23, North Carolina A. & M. at Norfolk.

VISCOUNT ALVERSTONE, NOTED BRITISH STATESMAN, IS DEAD

Was for Nearly Thirteen Years Lord Chief Justice of England.

London, Dec. 15.—Viscount Alverstone, former Lord Chief Justice of England, is dead.

Viscount Alverstone, for nearly 13 years Lord Chief Justice of England, was one of the most popular, human and many-sided men in British public life. While on circuit at Newcastle, in February, 1912, Lord Alverstone was seized with a serious heart attack, and his continued ill health led to his resignation.

Tall, athletically modelled and vigorous, he was a splendid specimen of the old school of English gentlemen. At Cambridge, where the finishing touches were put to his education, he was noted as a distance runner, being in fact "the best of his year." His interest in sports he carried into the world and won many trophies on the cinder track. Until his 70th year he was an enthusiastic rider and a good hand at golf, and in the earlier days of the big ring contests was a frequent visitor to the National Sporting Club.

He came into prominence before the American public as the representative of England on the Alaskan Boundary Commission. His vote in support of the chief claims of the United States gave America the practical victory. Many Canadians professed to believe, and with bitterness asserted, that the American government went into the arbitration only after it had reached an understanding that the American case should win, and that Alverstone was put forward to carry out the diplomatic bargain.

No confirmation of that theory has ever appeared but Lord Alverstone was for months bitterly attacked by Canadians, particularly in the west, where it was thought that England, as in the case of the Oregon boundary case years before, was giving up what she thought useless territory, but which Canadians knew to be rich, simply to placate America. Previous to the Alaskan Commission, Lord Alverstone, then Richard Everhard Webster, rendered good service to his government as one of the British counsel before the Venezuelan Boundary Commission, which met in Paris as a result of President Cleveland's famous war message.

The biggest fool is the one who thinks he can fool others with impunity without them knowing and resenting it.

Fear and hate bring evil thoughts to the mind.

Temper is the result of uncontrolled emotions.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY of New Hanover. In the Superior Court. Notice.

H. C. Twining, A. F. Twining, Iolanthe Johnson and husband, George T. Johnson, vs. S. P. Wright and W. A. Boies.

The defendants above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of New Hanover County, to remove cloud from title, and to quiet the title, of the plaintiffs in certain real property in the City of Wilmington, said County and State; and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the term of Superior Court of said County, beginning the 17th day of January, 1916, at the Court House of said County and State of North Carolina, and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiffs.

W. N. HARRISS,
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TOP O' THE MORNING

One of the chiefest blessings of books is that they bring to us the spirit of those who have felt the most deeply and acted the most manfully.

—CYRUS HAMLIN.

"It is human to err," and just about as human to demur.

We hope there were no pacifisticuffs on Mr. Ford's peace voyage.

Men give each other the dodge rather than give them the same old promise.

Come to Wilmington. It's here for you—everything you need but not everything you think you want.

Something is going to break out in China in a few months. This is no prediction. It is a certainty.

We hear as much now about intrigues and plots, and treason, strategem and spoils as we ever read about in history.

Nations treat each other just like men treat each other—just as they think as to whether each deserves respect or contempt.

The fact that we have national rights that are being treated with contempt by other nations ought to be reason enough for the wisdom of national preparedness.

Tuesday was "Self-denial" Day" in Baltimore. Everybody was asked to deny themselves something and contribute the equivalent in money to a Christmas fund for poor children.

The British newspapers do not think much of the American note to Austria. That is quite natural. It would suit them better if it were more ultimatistic than conciliatory in tone.

Talk about doing things and keeping on doing things, did you ever see anything to beat the mischief makers? They don't ever take a rest but they vie with the bees in typifying industry.

Saye the Columbia State: "The mathematicians slip up sometimes. But they certainly hit it right about X being an unknown quantity." On the "qt," that is true. How'd the mathematicians like for somebody to slip up on them sometimes?

Even the Ford pacifists on board the good ship Oscar II had a disagreement among themselves, Sure! The main reason why the world never has had peace and never will is that men agree to disagree. Did you ever hear about "the devil among the tailors?"

We will probably be asked to recognize the new monarchy in China, but we will have to wait awhile so we can see whether the Chinese are going to recognize it or not. When the war in Europe is over, it is quite likely that we will not be able to recognize China as the same old China she used to be.

To abuse the other fellow is no argument but it is often done. When men meet up together and start to talking, they call it a conversation. When they express different views and give their reasons, they call it a discussion. So long as they stick to the facts, they call it an argument. When they get to talking incoherently, they call it a controversy. When they begin to abuse each other, everybody calls it a dispute, and just as soon as it gets down to that, the discussion comes to naught.

To Germany, Great Britain, Austria and France we have made protests and have asserted American rights which they all have violated. Not a single one of those nations cares particularly about protests, and, of course, they cannot take our assertions seriously unless we are prepared to enforce our rights if they are not acquiesced in. If we are not going to be prepared to enforce our rights, if necessary, what is the use of making protests and going to the trouble of repeating our assertions of rights?

GREAT MANUFACTURING SCHEME.

In the local department of The Star this morning will be found particulars of an exceedingly important meeting of the business men of Wilmington, held yesterday afternoon in the offices of Messrs. Hugh MacRae & Co., in the Murchison buildings. Mr. MacRae, who is president of the Tidewater Power Company, invited the business men of the city to confer with him with reference to an opportunity for building up a great manufacturing suburb for Wilmington.

Recently the Tidewater Power Company has secured some 500 acres of land in East Wilmington, at a cost of some $50,000, and Mr. MacRae now proposes that the business men of Wilmington join his company in underwriting a developmental corporation to build an industrial city on the property now available for the purpose. His company will take one-fourth the stock, provided other Wilmington interests take the remaining stock necessary to organize a corporation to carry out the project in its broadest details.

Fuller particulars of the proposition are given in an account of the meeting held to hear Mr. MacRae's proposition. It is understood that the enterprise contemplates the survey of the tract into streets, together with plans for complete city advantages, including all the modern facilities of a progressive settlement. One-half the property is to be devoted to free use of industrial establishments, and the corporation will devote itself to attracting industries by its free offer of sites and other means for encouraging the establishment of industries of every description. For its increment the corporation will depend upon the sale of lots and the necessary increase in the value of the property, according to the scheme as detailed.

The chief advantage of the tract of land under consideration in this connection is that it is on the Atlantic Coast Line's belt railway extending clear around the city and connecting it with rail and water transportation in conjunction at the water terminals of the port. A navigable waterway also runs to the property to be developed.

We allude only in a brief way to the proposition to say that it is the first definite plan to make water and rail transportation available for manufacturing establishments. That will be emphasized by the new corporation as it never has been emphasized, although The Star has often exploited the idea in pointing out the peculiar adaptabilities of Wilmington for export and domestic manufacturing. In such a corporation as Mr. MacRae proposes we would have that definite proposition to which we have so often referred as the best means of advertising Wilmington. The scheme itself can be advertised, so that there will be no more indefinite advertising for industries to which we could make no direct proposal heretofore.

It is a matter for Wilmington to consider, and doubtless it will strike most everybody favorably, since a hundred business men endorsed the proposition after Mr. MacRae had fully outlined it at the meeting.

THE SOUTHERN COMMERCIAL CONGRESS.

So far the annual convention of the Southern Commercial Congress now in session in Charleston has been the occasion of several very able addresses about something that the convention possibly did not expect to hear. The addresses were fine and they appealed to the interest and intelligence of everybody, but some of them are not remotely connected with the purposes of the Commercial Congress. We have been greatly entertained by perusal of several of the addresses of the distinguished speakers, but the most we could make out of them was that the speakers were learned men who could not get their thoughts away from the dominating conditions in Europe and conditions as they affect the world.

No doubt, however, the Commercial Congress will get down to the real business in hand before its sessions close tomorrow. Charleston has given the delegates a magnificent round of entertaining and enjoyable evidences of her generous and inexhaustible hospitality. Certainly the convention has been a notable one for its entertaining features, but now that all the formal addresses have been delivered, we will probably hear more from the convention itself as to Southern development. So far, it has not been able to get very far away from the psychological conditions of the times.

GREAT STEAMSHIP CONCERN.

The recently organized American International Corporation, a New York corporation with a capital of $50,000,000, doubtless will be one of the greatest American steamship companies of the future. It was announced in New York on Monday that the company has purchased the entire remaining fleet of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, consisting of seven steamships. The price paid, it is said, was $1,250,000, and it is understood that the purchase was made with the co-operation of W. R. Grace & Co. That company is to take charge of the management and operation of the line of steamers to Central American ports on the Pacific coast.

Wilmington will be greatly interested in the fact that Messrs. Grace & Company are the leading spirits in this new and great American steamship company. They will manage and direct the operation of the ships. The International Corporation will have a large fleet of ships and will be interested in commerce on both sides of America and between the Americas. Messrs. Grace & Company are largely interested in South America and Central America, and some of the ships of their own line make regular trips to Wilmington from the Chilean and Peruvian nitrate ports.

The South Atlantic ought to take advantage of it to concentrate exports at Wilmington for shipment to South America and the Pacific coast. It is an opportunity for the South Atlantic if it may but be appreciated and seized by our export interests.

THE G. O. P. NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Republican National Committee, at its meeting in Washington Tuesday, decided to hold the National convention in Chicago June 7th, the Windy City being selected in preference to St. Louis, Philadelphia or San Francisco. The Republicans decided not to defer the date for their National convention because of the fact that the Democratic National Convention will be held June 14th, but the party leaders deemed it best to meet a week ahead of the Democrats. Advocates of the plan to hold the Republican convention a week previous to that of the Democratic convention argued that the time is here for the Republican party to take the offensive without regard to the ancient custom of allowing the party in power to meet and show its hand first.

The fact is, the G. O. P. was not so anxious to get on the offensive as it was to try to take the wind out of the sails of the Democrats. The Republican leaders know that when the Democratic National convention meets it is going to endorse the Wilson administration, its merchant marine scheme and rural credit system, and to promulgate a national preparedness plank in support of the President. On those questions the G. O. P. wants to beat the Democrats to it, but they are too late. President Wilson fired first, and the Democratic party is going to get on the firing line with him long before the 7th of June.

There was no need for the G. O. P. to wait till after the Democrats hold their National convention. They know in advance what the Democratic convention is going to do, and the Republican idea is to take advantage of the opportunity for a spectacular appearance in the ring for the effect it may have.

The Republicans kept mighty quiet as to the presidential candidates of the party, although a dozen aspiring statesmen anxiously hung around in Washington to see what the committee was up to. The G. O. P. really does not know what it is going to do, but we venture the prediction that the Chicago nominees will be Burton and Borah.

WHY DO PEOPLE GIVE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS?

(Contributed.)

Since the Wise Men from the East opened their treasures and offered gifts, gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the Christ child in Bethlehem, people have been giving presents on the anniversary of the birth of Christ. The custom is so old and has become so well established, that few people stop to think when Christmas comes around each year, just why they give presents. Doubtless, many give from force of habit, or just because it is the custom. But are there not good and true motives back of all this giving of Christmas presents?

It is most fitting that our Christmas celebration should be marked by the giving of presents, because this festival is but the commemoration of the giving of the greatest of all gifts—the only begotten Son. And it was doubtless a desire to show gratitude and appreciation for this gift that first prompted the giving of presents at Christmastide. This soon became an established custom, for there was no better, nor more appropriate way of celebrating the anniversary of the advent of Christ than by giving presents, which are tokens of love.

This leads to a more superficial reason for giving Christmas presents, namely, that it is an old established custom, which plays the chief part in our Christmas celebration. What would Christmas be without the exchange of presents? To those who do not enjoy fireworks, frolics, merry making and holiday sports, Christmas would be dull almost to the point of boring. But, on the other hand, who cannot get real joy from giving a present when they know it will make the heart of a friend glad? And then who, with even a spark of appreciation, is not made happy by the smallest gift from a friend. Surely, the exchange of presents helps more than any other one thing, to make Christmas merry and joyous.

Giving, whether of service or of material things, is the most natural, and usually the most effective way of expressing love. But it is not customary to give presents on any day of the year, and so people usually wait until Christmas and present the tokens of their love in the form of Christmas presents. This shows that all Christmas presents are not given from force of habit or custom, but that many are given as concrete expressions of one's love.

And since any one feels at liberty, on Christmas day, to give any relative, friend, or needy person a present, the custom offers a splendid opportunity to contribute to the happiness of people. Many people have, as one of the great purposes of life, the making of others happy. Such people are always glad when Christmas comes because the Christmas season offers an opportunity to make so many happy with a gift, a good deed, or a kind wish.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The lady who lays claim to five acres on the top of Mount Mitchell—the second or third claimant of that mountain peak—and who is in actual and notorious possession thereof by camping on the same, is certainly in earnest. It is a trifle cool on Mount Mitchell in midsummer, especially at night, and it must be a reminder of the Arctic regions at this season.—Statesville Landmark.

Theodore Price, in his paper, Commerce and Finance, has recently started a discussion in reference to the oldest bale of cotton in the world. While this discussion does not have any bearing on the present market price of the staple, it is of interest not only to the cotton trade, but to Northern investors and people outside the cotton belt in that it shows the imperishable qualities of cotton and the investment possibilities that cotton gives, as the only commodity of its kind in the world that can be held indefinitely without deterioration. One New York firm claims to have in its possession a sample of a bale ginned in 1862. Johnston, Storm & Co., New York brokers, are anxious to know if there are any older bales than this one, and in making the request, say "the idea in discussing a matter of this kind is largely to interest people in the cotton market. If the West and the North, purely from a speculative standpoint, realized the tremendous possibilities of buying and holding cotton the benefit would accrue entirely to the South. Every campaign of education which will show people the many advantages of cotton, not only from a contract standpoint (and in carrying contracts there is no interest, warehouse or insurance charge, but simply a commission of four-hundreths of a cent a pound), but from an actual standpoint will help the Southerner, and as a Southerner, the writer naturally has the interest of his home land at heart. We therefore ask our friends to advise us if they know of any old bale that is still in existence, and if possible, to send us a small sample of the cotton and a little history of when it was ginned and why it was held so long. The benefit will accure to the South and full credit will be given to you if you can place us in touch with any old bale."—Charlotte Observer.

Nothing captures the imagination so surely as a sudden, spectacular success. Our appreciation of literary genius and our fondness for the artists are always stimulated by the narratives of earlier poverty and lack of recognition. We like the smile of Fortune to come as swiftly and unexpectedly as it came to Cinderella. There is special interest therefore, in the narrative which The Southern Woman's Magazine recounts concerning Joan Sawyer, a Southern girl, of whom we have read much in the New York prints for the past two years. Dismissed from the road chorus of "The Pink Lady" because she danced "different," Miss Sawyer arrived in New York with a Boston bull puppy, one suit case and the proverbial five cents in her possession. For months the smile of Fortune was lacking. Then one day she danced with Maurice, who brought the modern dance to America. They had completed one-half the circuit of the room when he offered her a position at $1,000 a week and her career was at once under way. Miss Sawyer, is intensely Southern and was one of the first persons in the country to attempt to establish a style of wearing cotton frocks to aid the cotton growers of the South. Another Southern girl to whose career the magazine devotes a page is Miss Betty Lee of Georgia, who filled a week's engagement as a singer at Wrightsville Beach last summer and charmed all who heard and saw her. She is related to the stock of Lees from whom the Southern general came. Miss Lee, by dint of exceptional talent, personal magnetism, unremitting work, courage, and determination to succeed, has made a popular place for herself as an entertainer at the social affairs given by New York's very, very rich. With her freshness of spirit and animation she beguiles their boredom by singing Southern songs and relating darkey anecdotes, and has won the unstinted approval of the most critical audiences in the world.—Charlotte Observer.

"They spoke the language of Zion." Thus says Editor Archibald Johnson, of Charity and Children in the course of a tribute to effective work done by the reporters of the Charlotte Convention. This remark suggests the versatility that is required of the newspaper representative in the regular run of his duties. Even the language of Zion is not invariable. Each denomination has a nomenclature all its own. Whether one is to write of Conferences, bishops, superannuates, supernumeraries, presiding elders, stewards, or of deacons, elders, presbyteries, county associations, Conventions, delegates, presidents, moderators, vestrymen, rectors, and Dioceses, depends entirely on the denomination in question. But the reporters work deals by no means exclusively with religious bodies. This morning he is attending a meeting of electrical engineers; this afternoon a council meeting dealing with affairs municipal; tonight a political convention. Tomorrow morning he may be dealing with a lecture on civics, in the afternoon wrestling with the intricacies of a freight rate disputation, at night reporting an Ibsenic play. One moment he pens an obituary in solemn note, the next moment his typewriter strikes the joyous notes of the wedding march—Mendelssohn's or "Lohengrin" as you prefer. One night he is the medium through which the "Commoner" addresses an audience of tens of thousands on the subject of pacificism; the next night the Georgia songbird, through the same instrumentality, appeals to that same audience with arguments leading to a conclusion antipodal The reporter must catch the spirit of every gathering of every kind, he must faithfully interpret that spirit, he must watch the clash of mind on mind and be the judge that awards the trophy. He must be able to travel as far as any speaker goes in any direction, and even farther. He must be swift to throw a situation, an entire series of situations, into correct perspective, or the effect will be grotesque. In view of these myriad ceaseless exactions of his daily task, it is not strange that to the genuine newspaper man human nature assumes the character of an open book.—Charlotte Observer.

LIVING AT SANATORIUM SAFE

Insurance Company Investigates Conditions and Promptly Issues Policy.

Sanatorium, N. C., Dec. 15.—That the State Sanatorium is a safe place in which to live is the verdict of a particular and exacting life insurance company. This fact was brought to notice recently when Dr. S. W. Thompson, Jr., of the medical staff of the State Sanatorium, made application for life insurance. On being asked if he had lived with, or closely associated with, a case of tuberculosis during the last three years, a question that is asked of practically every applicant for life insurance in the United States, Dr. Thompson replied that he was a member of the medical staff at the State Sanatorium for the Treatment of Tuberculosis, that it was his business to assist in the treatment of the 100 or more patients, and that he, therefore, came in close contact with the patients daily.

Upon receipt of this information, the insurance company began to thoroughly investigate conditions, paying special attention to the methods used to prevent the spread of infection from one person to another. On completing the investigation, the company promptly issued the policy.

BOOSTERS' MEETING AT HAMLET

Chamber of Commerce Affair Addressed by Hon. E. R. Preston.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Hamlet, N. C., Dec. 14.—A large and enthusiastic audience greeted the speakers at a boosters' meeting of the chamber of commerce of Hamlet held in the opera house here last night. The chamber of commerce has been recently organized, and invitations were extended to Mr. H. T. Prosser, industrial agent of the Seaboard, who makes headquarters at Hamlet, and Hon. E. R. Preston, of Charlotte, to address the Boosters' meeting. Both Messrs. Prosser and Preston made fine talks. While Mr. Prosser was at home at Hamlet the Hamlet people had not before had the pleasure of hearing him, and his address showed that he is alive to the needs and advantages of this section. He gave many instances of the advantages of the chamber of commerce, and especially the work being done by the Sand Hill Board of Trade.

When a young woman marries a man with less education than herself, she always remembers that. She forgets that he, in contact with the world, is constantly advancing, while she, at home, does not keep up with his advance. It takes a woman of a superior mind to accommodate her mental attitude to this state of facts. If the man has the best intellect and she dwells in the past, trouble is sure o ensue. He realizes his present superiority, she only remembtrs herself, as she was.

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Air Rifles .. ..50c and $1.00
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A CO-OPERATIVE PLAN TO SECURE INDUSTRIES

Outlined by Mr. Hugh MacRae to Wilmington Citizens.

Would Develop Large Tract Recently Purchased in East Wilmington Into Big Manufacturing Center for City.

A co-operative plan for getting the entire community interested in developing for industrial purposes the tract of 500 acres of land, lying just outside the city limits of Wilmington and just beyond the bridge over Green's Mill creek, east of Bellevue cemetery and south of Smith's creek, which was recently purchased by interests represented by the Tidewater Power Company, was outlined to a gathering of 100 representative Wilmington business and professional men by Mr. Hugh MacRae, president of this company, yesterday afternoon and was enthusiastically endorsed by them.

That Wilmington needs more manufacturing enterprises was the unanimous opinion of those present at the meeting, which was held in the office of Mr. MacRae in the Murchison National Bank building. After a thorough discussion of the proposition, in which a large number took part, it was decided that the most feasible plan would be to have Mr. MacRae appoint a committee to go over the plan carefully and to report at a subsequent meeting. To aid in securing manufacturing concerns it is proposed to give away a large number of desirable sites on this tract.

The property which was recently purchased through the real estate agency of Mr. W. A. McGirt at a cost of about $66,000, comprises about three-fourths of the land belonging to the estate of the late Stephen W. Noble, lying immediately east of the new city limits and running along the East Wilmington road about 4,000 feet and extending north to Smith's Creek and including the line of the Wilmington and Newbern railroad, which bisects the property. In addition to this tract of 350 acres there is a tract of 150 acres, a part of the J. L. Mills property and adjoining the Noble land. Smith's creek, which extends along the northern line of the property for about two miles, has a depth of from 14 to 27 feet, furnishing admirable sites for manufacturing plants, while Green's Mill creek extends along the western line, this stream having a depth of about 10 or 11 feet.

Co-Operation Necessary.

Mr. MacRae, at whose instance the citizens were called together, sketched briefly the plan he had in mind for developing the property. He explained that it had been purchased with the intention of developing along farming lines, but that upon investigation it had seemed to be so well suited for manufacturing sites that it was believed it would be far better to use it for this purpose. He considered it a splendid investment for the Tidewater Powor Company, whatever it might be used for, but realizing the need of industrial enterprises here, it was the desire of those who had purchased it that the people of the city and county join together in a co-operative scheme for donating a large part of it to induce industrial concerns to come to Wilmington.

He suggested that a splendid plan would be to have the business men of Wilmington, the city and county, and the Tidewater Power Company join together in an underwriting proposition by which 100, 200, 300 acres or even the whole tract could be taken over with the understanding that half of it be donated for manufacturing sites and the remainder sold. The increased value of the remaining land, caused by the building of industrial enterprises in that section, would make it entirely possible to finance the proposition without cost to those backing up the proposition, he thought.

Utilising Unearned Increment.

One of the big problems with which sociologists have long been engaged is that of unearned increment which many think is unjust. The increased value of land, caused by the development of a community, frequently adds to the wealth of individuals instead of the entire community but here is a proposition by which the people can get together and utilize the unearned increment for helping the entire city and county, he stated.

The spirit of manufacturing in Wilmington, said Mr. MacRae, for the last several years has seemed to be practically extinct, but he was glad to see evidences of a revival. "We need some manufacturing plants and we need some big pay rolls," he declared. "In order to get them we must go at the matter scientifically."

The possibilities in the way of ocean traffic and railroad facilities are here, Mr. MacRae continued, but in order to get manufacturing enterprises some of the obstacles must be removed. Frequently people come to the city looking for sites and are unable to find them. There has been a scarcity of available places for new concerns that want to come here. In order to make any progress it is necessary for the people of the community to focus their energies and help create a spirit of manufacturing.

City and County Should Help.

Mr. MacRae declared that in his opinion there has been too great a fear of paternalism in the South and he believed the better co-operation there is between the city and the county government and the people the better will be the results obtained. The government is a part of the people and is sustained by them and he saw no reason why it should not be used for their benefit in every way possible. He thought the city of Wilmington in such a scheme as proposed could well afford to pay $10,000, the limit of the amount that the charter provides that can be expended for advertising purposes, in helping it along and that New Hanover could aid by building good roads to the property.

Referring to a map of the property he showed how it is proposed to develop it. On the northeast corner is a plot laid off for a park. Extending along Smith's Creek and also west along Green Mill crek manufacturing enterprises could be established while smaller enterprises could be located along the railroad which goes through the property. He thought it best to leave the section along the Princess street road for residences while the section along the eastern line could be used for homes for those working at the industrial plants.

He thought that there was possibly no section near Wilmington better suited for industrial enterprises. It

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CONCESSION TO YOUNGSTERS

Ten Days Given Them by Council to Shoot Crackers—Sewerage and Sidewalks Matter Considered.

Wilmington is to have ten days of confusing racket during the Christmas holidays while the youngsters engage in a revel of fireworks and firecrackers. City Council upon motion of Councilman Hall, in charge of the Department of Public Safety, yesterday voted to suspend the ordinance prohibiting fireworks from December 22nd to January 2nd in the city east of Front street.

Hereafter it will be necessary to pay water and sewerage bills before the 10th day of each quarter, if the regular discount of 10 per cent is desired, a resolution having been adopted by Council yesterday to this effect upon motion of Councilman McCaig. Heretofore the discount has been given irrespective of when paid.

Councilman Jones reported that the material for putting in sewerage for Carolina Place has been ordered and is expected to arrive within a short time. There will be approximately 5,000 feet of pipe to be laid and the estimated cost is about $2,500. It was decided by Council several weeks ago to install sewerage for this suburb instead of buying the present system.

Mr. G. T. Williamson, superintendent of the city fire alarm system, asked for an appropriation of $100 to pay the expense of moving wires on Fourth between Dock and Orange, on Orange between Fourth and Fifth and on Market between Fourth and Fifth. New poles are being placed on these streets by the Southern Bell Telephone Company and by the Tidewater Power Company. The city has its wires for the police and fire alarm systems placed on these poles. Mr. Williamson stated that the part of the expense to be borne by the fire department could be provided for out of the regular budget, but no money is available for the police call system. It is important that arrangements be made at once to have the work done, he stated. The matter was referred to Councilman Hall with power to act.

Councilman Bradshaw submitted a long list of names of people who have not put down improved sidewalks in front of their property with the request that they be notified to do so at once.

Councilman Hall said there had been objection made by contractors because City Engineer Struthers had been laying sidewalks and he thought it should be understood that the city has the right to do this work, if it is found to be more advantageous. Mr. Struthers stated that only in one instance had he laid any walks and in this instance there had been some difficulty as to the collection of the claim against the property. The other work he had done had been in patching the walks he said.

Replying to a question from Councilman Merritt, he stated that the average cost of putting down walks when done by the city was between 81 and 91 cents a yard and that the contractors usually charged about $1 a yard. Councilman Merritt thought that if the city could do the work cheaper that it should do so.

Mr. S. M. Boatwright in behalf of the trustees of the public library asked that certain old maps in the office of the city clerk and treasurer be placed in the library as they would be of service there for reference. The matter was referred to Captain Meares to arrange with Mr. Boatwright.

Councilman McCaig called attention to Walnut street, between Front and Second and stated that he understood that this is the only block between Castle and Red Cross that has not been improved. The city already has the binder, he stated, and by purchasing the rock would be able to do the work at a small cost. Councilman Bradshaw thought the cost would be about $350 and also stated that Nun street, between Front and Second had not been paved. The matter was left in the hands of Councilman Bradshaw.

Woodus Kellum, Esq., was before Council in behalf of Mr. J. C. Hobbs, who wanted the city to pay him for a sewer line which he had laid at Carolina Court at a cost of about $90 and which has since been connected with the city sewer line. This was referred to Councilman Jones and City Engineer Struthers.

Councilman Jones stated that the necessary arrangements had been made for installing a water hydrant at the plant of the Josey Fertilizer Company.

All members of Council were present at the meeting and Assistant City Attorney Bellamy represented City Attorney Ruark, who is out of the city.

WINTER COURSE AT A. & M.

Several Attractive Features on Programme of Instruction.

The winter course for farmers at the A. & M. College is set to begin on January 10, and continue through February 11. The course will include all matters pertaining to the farmer and his farm. Special attention this year is going to be put on two things which tend to raise the products for farm consumption on the farm, livestock and fruit growing. Two specially attractive features are the programmes which have been set. For the stockman, there will be a varied list of topics discussed such as feeding, judging, care and dairying. The care of fruit trees, spraying, pruning, and canning of fruits will be stressed by the horticulturalists. The date for this conference is from January 6-8.

REMAIN AT HOPEWELL

Former Councilman Moore Had 50 Per Cent. Insurance on Loss.

Former Councilman B. C. Moore, who some time ago went to Hopewell, Va., to manage the Tarrytown hotel, has written Mayor P. Q. Moore that he had 50 per cent. insurance on the 50-room hotel he was operating there, which was valued at about $7,000.

The former Wilmingtonian further stated that he had made temporary arrangements for caring for for his patrons until he can rebuild. He is also in the lumber business in Hopewell and will have quite a lot of rush orders in the rebuilding of the city. His many friends here are glad to learn that he is so comfortably fixed there.

Steamer Elizabeth Weems Arrived.

The Baltimore & Carolina steamer Elizabeth Weems, Captain Hudgins in charge, arrived yesterday about noon from Baltimore with a large cargo for Wilmington, as well as for Georgetown and Charleston. The steamer was two days overdue, on account of the snow storm in the North and the heavy cargo. She cleared last night for George town.

Dredge Name Changed to Croatan.

The dredge Miller, bought a few weeks ago from a New York concern by the government for the Beaufort harbor and adjacent territory, has been re-christened the Croatan. It will hereafter be known as the government dredge Croatan.

MANY ARE GOING TO BURGAW

State Highway Commissioner W. S. Fallis, of Raleigh, to Make Address at Road Meeting.

Chairman W. A. McGirt, of the New Hanover Board of Commissioners, received a telegram yesterday from Mr. W. S. Fallis, of Raleigh, State Highway Commissioner, stating that he would try to reach Wilmington tomorrow in time to join the delegation from this city which will go to Burgaw to attend the good roads meeting, and that if he were unable to come to this city, he would stop in Burgaw. Mr. Fallis is recognized as an expert on good roads and will be one of the leading speakers at the meeting tomorrow.

It is important that all those expecting to go from Wilmington notify either Mr. W. D. MacMillan, Jr., or Dr. George K. Patterson today in order that they may make arrangement for machines. Automobiles will be provided for all those desiring to go. The cars will be assembled a tthe City Hall on North Third street tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock and the party will leave at 9:30. Returning the party will reach Wilmington about 4:30 in the afternoon.

Mr. Thomas R. Ames, chairman of the advertising committee, has secured 55 banners, flags and pennats which will be attached to the different cars. On these banners have been painted slogans of various kinds such as "Wilmington-Fayetteville Highway," "New Hanover Leads Them All," "Pender County," "How About Duplin," "Everybody Wants Good Roads From the Mountains to the Sea," "Pender Will Have Good Roads," etc.

The Burgaw citizens are preparing to entertain their visitors in royal style and everything points to a most successful meeting and it is expected that the results will be far-reaching.

Fayetteville is to be represented at the meeting and the people in that section are showing much interest in the proposition. The following is from yesterday's Fayetteville Observer:

"The people all along the route of the proposed highway from Wilmington to Fayetteville to Charlotte are thoroughly aroused and making great efforts to see the project put through. On Friday, 17th inst., there will be a big meeting at Burgaw, Pender county, to discuss plans for securing a highway through New Hanover, Pender, Duplin, Sampson and Cumberland counties to connect with the National Highway at Fayetteville. Five counties will be represented. Speaking by prominent men.

"The citizens of Wilmington, under the leadership of the Rotary Club are making preparations to send a big delegation to the meeting, making the trip in automobiles, and we understand that other towns along the route will send delegations.

"Mr. T. G. McAllister, representing the County Commissioners, and Mr. T. H. Sutton, representing the Chamber of Commerce, will go from this city, making the trip by automobile, by way of Autryville and Clinton."

CAROLINA COUNCIL MEETS

New Officers of Royal Arcanum Lodge Are Selected for Ensuing Year.

Carolina Council, No. 1874, Royal Arcanum, has elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Regent—H. E. Robertson.
Vice Regent—L. E. Thomas.
Orator—W F. Busch.
Sitting Past Regent—A. F. DeVere.
Secretary—Henry M. Bremer.
Collector—Mitchell F. Allen.
Treasurer—William J. Toomer.
Chaplain—Louis deRuiter.
Guide—E. M. Westbrook.
Warden—E. B. Stafford.
Sentry—Victor Stonebanks.
Trustees—H. E. Bonitz, J. E. Buntin and Dr. D. F. Strosnider.

Representative to grand council, A. F. DeVere; alternate to grand council, J. Edwin Bunting.

The Royal Arcanum is fortunate in having three grand council officers in Wilmington, these being: Grand Secretary Henry E. Bonitz, Grand Chaplain Dr. S. Mendelsohn, and Grand Trustee W. J. Toomer.

Carolina Council enjoys the proud distinction of having secured more new members during the last half term during this year, than any other council in North Carolina.

Plans are now on foot for a very active membership campaign to start the beginning of the New Year.

ONLY TWO CASES CONTINUED

Recorder Had Extra Light Docket Yesterday—Finished None.

There was little activity yesterday in the Recorder's court, although two very interesting cases were called, both of which were continued to today.

Lillie Smith, the colored woman who was arrested Tuesday night when her home was searched and seven quarts of liquor found in the trunk she had just shipped in, was offered the privilege of giving bond in the sum of $100, but being unable to do so she is in jail and will be tried today.

Henry Williams, colored, is also in jail in default of $50 bond, being charged with assault with deadly weapon. His case was continued because Needam Dudley, also colored, the negro he struck with a bottle, was unable to attend court yesterday. Williams and Dudley both work for McNair & Pearsall, and had been congenial for a long time, but yesterday morning they fell out and Williams used the bottle as an argument that setled their dispute, but is proving hard to handle in the Recorder's court.

RAIN PROBABLY TODAY

Warmer Weather Indicated for Wilmington and Vicinity.

The local weather bureau yesterday predicted rain last night and today accompanied by warmer weather, with moderate variable winds. Following is the summary of conditions over the country:

"The storm over New England yesterday has continued its movement to the northeast and the western disturbance has spread further eastward with its center over Colorado. This disturbance has caused an almost general increase in cloudiness, and precipitation is reported from the Pacific coast eastward into the interior.

"Temperatures are rising in advance of this low area.

"The conditions indicate rain and warmer weather for this section tonight and Thursday with moderate variable winds."

JUDGE DANIELS HERE SATURDAY

Will Hear Motions and Sign Orders —Hear No Cases.

Major W. N. Harriss, clerk of Superior Court, gave out notice yesterday that word had come from Judge F. A. Daniels, of Goldsboro, that he will be here Saturday for the purpose of hearing motions and signing orders. It was stated that he would try no cases.

DOCTORS HOLD LONG SESSION

Third District Medical Society Has Interesting Meeting—Elected Officers for Year.

The address of Dr. Cyrus Thompson, of Richlands, last night about midnight at the Chamber of Commerce closed the semi-annual meeting of the Third District Medical Society, which had begun in the afternoon at the James Walker Memorial Hospital and was a most interesting and helpful gathering of a large number of the physicians of this section of the State. A feature of the meeting was the paper by Dr. Douglass Vanderhoff, of Richmond, Va.

An interesting feature of the election of officers for the next year was the failure to re-elect Dr. Herbert F. Munt, of Boardman, as secretary and treasurer, Dr. Munt begging the society to elect a Wilmington man on account of the better equipment here for handling this careful work. Upon Dr. Munt's urgent request for a Wilmington man, Dr. J. Buren Sidbury was elected to the position. The other officers elected were. Dr. T. M. Green, of Wilmington, president; Dr. T. B. Moore, of Acme, first vice president; Dr. L. D. Bryan, of Sneed's Ferry, second vice president.

The retiring officers of the society are as follows: President, Dr. Cyrus Thompson, Richlands; first vice president, Dr. H. B. Maxwell, Whiteville; second vice president, Dr. C. P. Bolles, Wilmington; secretary and treasurer, Dr. Herbert F. Munt, Boardman.

Among the out-of-town physicians in attendance were: Drs. T. B. Moore, Acme; J. M. Northington, Boardman; H. F. Munt, Boardman; H. B. Maxwell, Whiteville; Paul Crumpler, Clinton; J. L. Sikes, Salemburg; H. C. Turlington, Cooper; L. D. Bryan, Sneed's Ferry; J. W. Farrior, Kenansville; J. L. Nicholson, Richlands; Cyrus Thompson, Jacksonville; J. W. Carroll, Wallace; R. A. Daniels, Swansboro.

President Cyrus Thompson opened the meeting with a few interesting remarks. Among the prominent visiting physicians was Dr. Douglass Vanderhoff, professor of medicine in the Medical College of Virginia, of Richmond, who gave an instructive discussion on an interpretation of the symptoms of indigestion in the findings of 100 consecutive cases. Dr. Vanderhoff went into his discussion with considerable detail. Hs talk was full of facts interesting to the professon and valuable to the practioner, He was thoroughly appreciated by the local profession. Dr. E. H. Terrell, of Richmond, Va., who was also scheduled for a paper before the society, missed train connection at Hamlet and was delayed so much that he returned to Richmond, finding it impossible to get here in time for his appearance before the society.

Members of the society, who read clinical papers were: Drs. J. D. Robinson, Thomas M. Green, Edward J. Wood, J. D. Sidbury, L. D. Bryan and James M. Northington. The meeting was opened in the afternoon at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, The society adjourned for supper at The Orton, and re-assembled at the Chamber of Commerce rooms in the Murchison National Bank Building for the closing papers and discussions.

STEAMER A. P. HURT GOES ON MAIDEN VOYAGE UP RIVER

Had Many Passengers and Freight —Twice-a-Week Schedule.

The steamer A. P. Hurt, recently rebuilt and renovated by the Planters Steamboat Company, has gone on her maiden voyage up the Cape Fear river to Fayetteville, carrying a good passenger list and a large cargo of freight.

A schedule has been arranged for this river boat to leave here Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 p. m. for Fayetteville, and to leave Fayetteville for Wilmington on Monday and Thursday mornings. The trip requires only 10 hours, and when the lock and dam at Kings' Bluff is finished, the time will be reduced.

The A. P. Hurt was formerly the steamer C. W. Lyon, which was burned to the water's edge about two years ago, having been rebuilt. It is of the flat bottom type, with a stern wheel. It has two decks. The lower is for freight and the upper has a number of staterooms, a dining saloon and a passenger saloon. Mr. S. M. King, manager of the company that owns her, is temporarily captain of the steamer.

VOLLEY BALL AT Y. M. C. A.

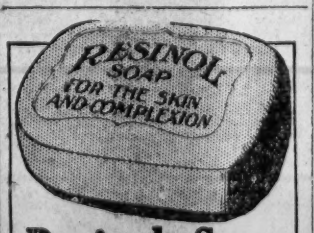
Snappy Games Change Standing of Teams—Games Next Tuesday.

The volley ball league at the Y. M. C. A. had some exciting and snappy games for their work this week, making a general change in the standing of the teams. The games this week were as follows: Brown's won three games from Hellen's and DuVall's won three straight games from Pridgen's.

The standing of the clubs at the close of play was as follows:

	W	L	Pts.
DuVall	8	4	8
Hellen	7	5	7
Brown	6	6	6
Pridgen	3	9	3

The next games will be next Tuesday night, when the Brown and Pridgen teams will meet and the two leaders, DuVall and Hellen, will clash. The public is given a cordial invitation to these fine games.



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BELK BROTHERS

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

There were 337 Red Cross seals sold yesterday at the postoffice booth. Mrs. A. G. Ricaud and Mrs. Wm. H. Milton will be chaperones today.

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Little Miss Mary Enos entertained ten of her little friends at her second birthday party at her home, No. 118 Market street, yesterday afternoon.

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Miss Mamie Baird, who has made her home with her brother, Mr. H. C. Baird, for the last three months, left yesterday afternoon for Augusta, Ga., where she will spend the Christmas holidays. She will then return to her home at Douglass, Ga.

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The following invitation has been received in the city and is of interest locally, as the groom was formerly of Wilmington, but now holds a position at Ossipee, N. C., and has many friends here:

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lafayette Smith
invite you to be present
at the marriage of their daughter
Hattie Belle
to
Mr. Harvey Osborne Dixon
on Wednesday afternoon the twenty-second of December
at half past five o'clock
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Elon College North Carolina.

Miss Smith is a graduate of the School of Music at Elon College and is a young woman of rare culture and intelligence.

CRITICISM IS UNWARRANTED

Declares Chairman McGirt, of Board of Commissioners, in Statement Regarding Dr. Nesbitt's Report.

That Dr. Chas. T. Nesbitt's criticism of the New Hanover county home, as contained in his monthly report to the Board of Health at its monthly meeting Tuesday night as to the management of that institution is misleading, unwarranted and at variance with the facts, is the declaration of Chairman W. A. McGirt, of the Board of Commissioners, in a signed statement given out by him last night. As to the criticism of the care and treatment of patients, he states that he is informed that the instructions of the health physician have been carried out, and if there has been negligence it is attributed to Dr. Nesbitt's own department.

Chairman McGirt's statement regarding Dr. Nesbitt's criticism is as follows:

"I regret very much to be compelled to take issue with the Superintendent of Health in regard to his criticisms of the county home; but, in justice to those in charge, misleading reports should not go unchallenged.

"Dr. Nesbitt's report contains two criticisms: one against the business management of the home, and the other against the care and treatment of patients.

"The management of the institution is under the control of the County Commissioners, and to them all complaints should be made. His criticism in this particular is misleading, unwarranted and at variance with the facts.

"A public official should not make such reports without a proper investigation, especially when such matters do not come under his department.

"As to his criticism of the care and treatment of patients, I am informed that the instructions of the health physician have been carried out, and, if the carrying out of these instructions constitute negligence, it is attributable to his own department, and he alone is responsible.

"W. A. McGIRT, Chairman,
"Board of Commissioners, New Hanover County."

Superintendent Rasberry and Mrs. Rasberry, who have charge of the county home, met several members of the Board of Health in the office of Dr. Nesbitt yesterday at 1 o'clock, and the management of the affairs of the home were gone into in some detail.

Those present at the conference included Chairman McGirt, Mayor Moore and Dr. Bolles, of the Board of Health, and Dr. Nesbitt and Dr. Thames, of the Health Department.

WATER AND SEWERAGE RULES

Capt. Thomas D. Meares Tells Customers About Department.

Following a folder sent out some time ago in regards to saving on water and sewerage leakage, Capt. Thos. D. Meares, city clerk and treasurer, has sent out a folder giving customers valuable information relative to the rules and regulations of the Water and Sewerage Department. They are as follows:

"The attention of users of the public water supply and sewerage system is called to the following rules and regulations established by ordinance for the government of the Water and Sewerage Department and the Department of Accounts and Finance. (See chapter XXXIII, Revised Ordinances).

"1. No officer or employe is authorized to vary from the instructions given by the Council. Sec. 623.)

"2. Water and sewer rents are due on the first days of January, April, July and October, and are payable at the tax office at the City Hall. Notice by mail to addresses, as shown on the books of the department, will be given but receipt of same is not guaranteed, and failure to receive will not be considered sufficient excuse for failure to pay. If bill is not paid by the 20th day of the months respectively named, water will be shut off, and a charge of fifty cents made for expenses incurred of turning on again. In addition to which all accrued rents and charges must be paid. These rules are imperative and no discrimination is permitted. It is against the law for any one, not an employe of the city, to turn on water to be cut off at the main, and further expense imposed. (Sec. 655-656.)

"3. No notice is required by law before shutting off water for violation of rules but will be given, if possible, as a matter of courtesy. (Sec. 627.)

"4. All houses must be separately connected with water mains. Where one service has been heretofore established and continues to be used for several houses, the regular charge for each house will be made. (Sec. 639-640.)

"5. Where several houses are served by one connection to main, nonpayment for one will cause water to be shut off, although others have paid. (Sec. 638.)

"6. No rebate for vacant houses will be allowed unless water can be shut off at curb. Allowance will be made for non-use, only when cut off at the curb, and when discontinuance lasts thirty days or more. In no instance will allowance be made for discontinuance, unless request is made to have water cut-off, from the date of which request, abatement will be figured. (Sec. 627-652-654.)

"7. Contractors must make application and obtain permit for use of water for building or repair work. (Sec. 631.)

"8. Sewerage service is payable upon the same dates as water service. If not paid within the limits set, ordinance requests bills turned over to the assistant city attorney for collection. This law is mandatory. (Sec. 672.)

SAMPSON COUNTY LUMBERMEN WIN LOWER FREIGHT RATE

Traffic Manager Burch Filed Complaint on Behalf of Company.

Lumbermen along the Cape Fear river have won a one-cent reduction on freight rates, according to an article in yesterday's Greensboro News, as a result of a complaint filed with the North Carolina Corporation Commission by Mr. J. R. Burch, traffic manager of the Builders' Exchange of North Carolina, concerning freight rates on lumber from points on the Yadkin division of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad to Greensboro.

Mr. Burch filed the complaint in the behalf of the Sampson Lumber Company, of Hayne, Sampson county, contending that the rate the Coast Line published in tariff 3,419 and which went into effect in January of 1915, should be retroactive and to have become effective in October 1914, to legally meet the terms of the sale of the C. F. & Y. V. railroad to the Coast Line, which was approved by both the State and Federal authorities.

The reduction will mean the saving of thousands of dollars to the lumbermen along this line and up to Greensboro.

MR. H. M. STANFORD IS GIVEN IMPORTANT POSITION

Superintendent of Swift Fertilizer Plant Goes to Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. H. McC. Stanford, for the past there years superintendent of the Swift Fertilizer Works near Wilmington, has resigned this position and on January 1 will go to Atlanta, Ga., to assume charge of all the Southern fertilizer plants of the International Agricultural Corporation, of New York. The new position is a distinct step forward for Mr. Stanford, who will have under his supervision some 15 fertilizer plants all over the South.

He is a native of Charleston, S. C., and has had wide experience in the fertilizer industry, having been connected with the Acme Manufacturing Company, prior to going with the Swift Fertilizer Works.

He has a wide circle of friends in this city who will regret to learn that he is to leave the city but will be gratified to learn of his promotion and will wish for him the greatest success in

Mr. Stanford has been living at Winter Park and has not yet decided when he will move his family to Atlanta, which will be his headquarters.

PASTOR ARRIVES TOMORROW

Rev. J. A. Clark, of Louisville, Ky., to Winter Park Baptist.

Rev. James A. Clark, of Louisville, Ky., who in October accepted the pastorate of Winter Park and other Baptist churches in that vicinity, is expected to arrive in the city tomorrow to ake charge of the work. He will be met at the train by Dr. D. P. High and others of Winter Park, who will assist the new pastor in getting located in his new home.

Rev. Mr. Clark succeeds Rev. W. Marshall Craig, who gave up the work to become acting pastor of the First Baptist church, upon the departure of Rev. Dr. J. H. Foster, who went to his new field as president of Bessie Tift College, Forsyth, Ga.

Mr. Clark is a native of North Carolina, although he has spent much of his life in other states, coming directly from Louisville, Ky., where he has been studying and preaching. He was educated in Wake Forest and Richmond colleges, and took his theological studies in the Southern Theological Seminary, at Louisville. He is a forceful preacher and Winter Park is fortunate in securing his services.

PAINT ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH.

Lutheran Church, Sunday School and Parsonage Given New Coat.

Mr. T. L. Huggins has been given the contract to paint St. Matthew's Lutheran church, Sunday school and parsonage, at an approximate cost of $500. Rev. G. W. McClanahan is the beloved pastor. The buildings are located on North Fourth street, between Harnett and Bladen. Both outside and interior will receive a new cont, and it is stated, the work will begin immediately.

Pension Roll Comes Late.

Maj. W. N. Harriss, clerk of Superior court, was expecting to receive the pension roll for this county yesterday, but for some reason, it was delayed. The roll is expected this morning.

Prayer affirms, what it hopes to realize.

How to Peel Off a Weatherbeaten Face

It's really a simple matter to renovate a face soiled by dirt, wind or cold. Ordinary mercolized wax, used like cold cream, will transform the worst old complexion into one of snowy whiteness and velvety softness. It literally peels off the outer veil of surface skin, but so gently, gradually, there's no discomfort. The wornout skin comes off, not in patches, but evenly, in tiny particles, leaving no evidence of the treatment. The younger, healthier underskin forming the new complexion is one of captivating loveliness. One ounce of mercolized wax, to be had at any drug store, is enough to remove any coarse, chapped, pimpled, freckled, faded or sallow skin. Apply before retiring, washing it off mornings.

Many skins wrinkle easily with every wind that blows. An excellent wrinkle remover, because it tightens the skin and strengthens relaxed muscles, is a wash lotion made as follows: Powdered saxolite, 1 oz., dissolved in witch hazel, one-half pint. This gives immediate results.

THANK DR. AND MRS. SPRUNT

Board of Managers of James Walker Memorial Hospital Express Appreciation for Donation.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the James Walker Memorial Hospital held yesterday afternoon, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That this Board accept with grateful thanks the offer of Dr. James Sprunt and Mrs. Sprunt to erect, equip and furnish complete an annex to the Hospital building, of this hospital, to be devoted to the care and treatment of children and maternity cases and to be known as the "Marion Sprunt Memorial."

Resolved, further, That this Board express to Dr. and Mrs. Sprunt a keen and sincere appreciation of the generous spirit and Christian purpose which has actuated them in making this gift to the James Walker Memorial Hospital, and through that means to suffering women and children of this community, and that this Board further express to Dr. and Mrs. Sprunt its purpose and determination to do all within its power, both now and hereafter, to see to it that the management and administration of the "Marion Sprunt Memorial" shall be such as well in fullest measure accomplish the high purpose for which the gift is made.

Resolved, further, That we honor the memory of the late Edward Payson George, who, before his untimely death, cherished a warm affection for his old home in Wilmington and gave it expression in his deed of trust to James Sprunt and William H. Sprunt of a gift of money which with its increment to first of January, 1915, was to be joined with a greater sum from James Sprunt and Luola M. Sprunt, his wife, in the cost of the erection and equipment of a children's hospital as a memorial of his friend, Marion Sprunt, and in testimony of his love for the people of Wilmington.

Resolved, further, That a copy of this resolution of thanks be furnished to Dr. and Mrs. James Sprunt.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Attractive calendars have been sent out to his friends by Mr. A. S. Holden, a well known insurance man of the city.

—Oliver Cooper, colored, was arrested last night by Policeman R. J. Thompson, who alleges that he found a pistol concealed in his pocket.

—Night leters will be received as late as 2 o'clock instead of 12 o'clock, as heretofore, was announced yesterday by the Western Union Telegraph Company.

—A public telephone booth has been installed in the corridor of the Court House by the Southern Bell Telephone Company, for the use of those having business there.

—The white woodwork of the Cape Fear club building, corner Chestnut and Second streets, has been made more attractive the past few days by a new coat of paint.

—C. C. Wright, colored, was arrested yesterday at the City Hall by Hall Officer J. J. Moore, on a charge of selling liquor. He will get a hearing today in the Recorder's court.

—The Tidewater Power Company has recently rebuilt and repainted a number of the streets cars in cream with brown trimmings, adding much to their appearance, and making it more easy to tell where the cars go.

—The tug Storm King, belonging to the D. L. Taylor Company, contractors at Cape Lookout Breakwater, recently broke its propeller and will arrive in the city this morning in tow of another tug, to undergo repairs, at the marine railway.

—Joel Hines, colored, charged with forgery, was arrested yesterday by County Officer H. Mack Godwin. Richard Farrior, colored, was also charged with false pretense and arrested by Mr. Godwin. They will both get hearings today before Justice Harriss.

—The repairs on Barge 26, belonging to the D. L. Taylor Company, who are constructing the Cape Lookout breakwater, has been completed on the marine railway and it was launched yesterday. Interior repairs will be made and the barge will be returned to the company at Cape Lookout in about ten days.

CONFLICTING REPORT.

Mrs. E. Littleton is Puzzled Regarding Her Husband's Safety.

Mrs. Emmet Littleton, who lives on North 17th street, was given an unpleasant puzzle last night when she received a card, mailed at Bennettsville, S. C., about 9 o'clock yesterday morning, where he husband is working, stating that he had fallen from a house and been killed. She immediately called the chief of police at Bennettsville by long distance telephone, who stated that the report was erroneous. Despite the assurances of the Bennettsville police, Mrs. Littleton was very uneasy last night and will investigate again this morning as soon as other telephone connection can be had.

DUMB ACCUSES DUMB.

Nathaniel King, Colored, Dummy, Charged With Larceny of Ring.

Nathaniel King, colored, who is deaf and dumb, was arrested last night upon the accusation of Mr. R. E. L. Cook, who is also deaf and dumb, that King had stolen a ring from him.

King claimed to have found the ring and, in his manner of talking, told the police where it could be found. Two policemen made the search and recovered the ring. The case will be heard in the Recorder's court this morning, to determine whether King found or stole the ring.

A CO-OPERATIVE PLAN TO SECURE INDUSTRIES

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is within five minutes of the city by street cars and is only two and a half miles from the business center. He cited examples of other cities that have industrial centers much further away.

After having gone into the matter quite thoroughly, Mr. MacRae called on those present to discuss the proposition, especially those who doubted the feasibility of putting it through.

The Proposition Discussed.

Col. Walker Taylor declared that the people of Wilmington are living on each other too much. Something on the order of what Mr. MacRae suggested he thought is what has been needed for a long time. He agreed with Mr. MacRae that we need some bacteria and germs that will wake up the people of the city.

Responding to a question from Mr. Sam Bear, Sr., Mr. MacRae stated that he thought that it would take at least $100,000 to finance the proposition and possibly $150,000. However, it was his idea that those backing it up should act rather as underwriters than as stockholders and simply guarantee that the proper amount of money would be furnished. He thought that it would be best to have a board of trustees to take the matter in charge. Mr. Bear thought that something of the kind indicated would be a good thing.

Capt. J. S. Williams discussed the matter at some length and stated that he had long been interested in securing manufacturing enterprises for the city and declared that he would join in.

Graham Kenan, Esq., thought that it would be a good thing to raise a fund of $100,000 and place it in the hands of trustees to use towards helping in securing enterprises for the city. Whenever it was found that a good enterprise wished to locate here, let $1,000, $5,000 or $10,000 be given to them as a help towards getting started. He stated that he would be one of a hundred men to furnish $1,000 each or he would be one of 50 to furnish $2,000 each for such a fund. He thought it would be a splendid advertisement for the city.

Mr. Roger Moore enthusiastically endorsed the proposition and gave some interesting experiences he has had lately in helping build up Wilmington.

An Essential to Growth!

Mr. J. Allan Taylor declared that the plan outlined by Mr. MacRae was a comprehensive one and was worthy of careful study. He agreed with him that co-operation is one of the things most needed in the city and county. He thought, however, the plan was defective in that while it was proposed to identify those backing it with the liability, provided there should be any, it did not identify them with its control.

In clear and comprehensive manner, he showed that Wilmington could never hope to compete with Norfolk as a commercial center, because of its location, which gives the former city the advantage in the way of freight rates and that if it is to ever grow it must be by securing manufacturing plants. He discussed the two primary sources of wealth defined by the economists as being agricultural pursuits and manufacturing. It must come either from the ground of must be by taking the raw products of nature and concerting them into something more valuable.

He did not think that the scheme to give away money was a feasible one, but he did believe that the giving away sites was a most valuable means of building up the city. He would be glad to endorse the proposition if a method of control and of operation was outlined.

When Southport Fell Down.

Mr. C. E. Clark, of the Clark-Lynch Lumber Co., gave a most interesting instance of how manufacturing plants can help towns and cities and especially how it is worth while to provide sites. Eight years ago he had gone with the directors of the Waccamaw Lumber Company to Southport to purchase a site for their lumber plant. They found but one available and for this $80,000 was asked which was prohibitive and they decided to locate the plant at Bolton instead. In eight years, nearly $3,000,000 has been paid out by that company for pay rolls, he stated, and with this amount added to its wealth Southport would today be a much larger town, perhaps double its present size.

J. O. Carr, Esq., having suffered an attack of hoarseness, was unable to talk but Mr. MacRae, speaking for him, stated that the past week Mr. Carr had had to refer a manufacturing concern to Brunswick county for a site.

Others who spoke in favor of the proposition as outlined by Mr. MacRae were the following: Messrs. William Gilchrist, H. E. Bonitz, W. D. MacMillan, Jr., J. N. Jacobi, DeWitt C. Love an dJ. B. Rice.

There was a loud chorus of ayes that the meeting go on record as endorsing Mr. MacRae's ideas regarding the development of the property and that he appoint a committee of representative citizens to take up the proposition and decide upon plans to report at a subsequent meeting.

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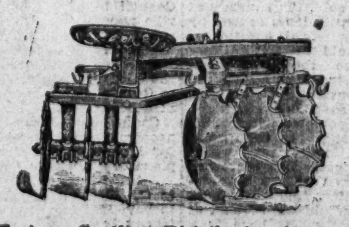

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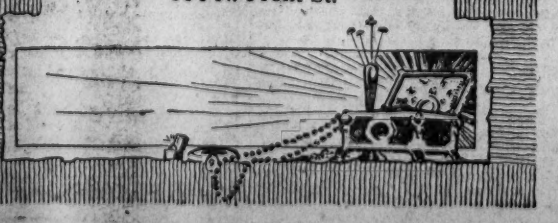

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THEATRICAL

Henry Arthur Jones' internationally successful drama, "The Masqueraders," has been converted into a Paramount Picture by the Famous Players, with Hazel Dawn in the leading role, and is the Paramount attraction at the Royal today.

It is seldom that an actress who has gained an international reputation as a musical comedy star and has never appeared before the footlights in anything except musical comedy roles, could suddenly leap into public favor as a motion picture star. This remarkable feat, however, was accomplished by Hazel Dawn, the famous "Pink Lady" who was seen in Wilmington.

HAZEL DAWN,

Starring in "The Masqueraders," at the Royal Today.

Deprived of her voice, her violin and her wonderful dancing, Hazel Dawn, by her personality, her rare beauty and her remarkable histrionic ability has captured the motion picture public with the same ease that she set the world to cheering by her unique performance at the head of "The Pink Lady" company, and still draws the applause which she enjoyed when she brought Broadway to her feet amid the glare of the footlights and the clash of the orchestra.

"The Masqueraders" is a production that should be witnessed today by every Royal patron, with the assurance that it is one of the very best features yet presented.

Geraldine Farrar in "Carmen."

The greatest photodramatic production of its kind ever seen on the screen will be the presentation of the world's most famous operatic prima donna, Geraldine Farrar, in the film version of her famous opera, "Carmen," at the Victoria next Monday.

In securing the appearance of Miss Farrar before the motion picture camera the Lasky-Paramount company scored the greatest coup in the history of motion pictures. This distinguished international artist had held herself aloof from scores of flattering offers to appear before the camera heretofore.

In "Carmen" Miss Farrar is seen as the half wild, fascinating gypsy girl who is the head of a band of smugglers. How she leads one man to death, and another to ruin and is herself stabbed by a jealous lover, are but incidents in this thrilling masterpicture, which is founded on the story of "Carmen" by Prosper Marimee, and which will be found on every well-stocked library shelf in America.

"Graustark" Coming Saturday.

"Graustark," George Barr McCutcheon's famous novel, has been filmed in a six-reel spectacle, and is announced as the big bill for Saturday at the Royal.

"He offered to lay down his life for the woman he loved." No greater test of a man than this can be made. It is the supreme sacrifice. Like "Damon and Pythias" told the story of the world's greatest friendship between men, "Graustark" tells of the world's greatest love between man and woman.

What woman does not thrill to the love of a man willing to die that she might be happy? What man is not carried to the loftiest heights of sentiment by such devotion and sacrifice? All the world is akin and really great love is the one emotion that stirs the depths of every heart. It is uplifting, ennobling, inspiring. This is the story George Barr McCutcheon tells in "Graustark." This is the emotion that stirs that indescribable something in all spectators and holds them tense and forgetful of everything else in the world. This is what lifts "Graustark" from the ordinary and stamps it as a great play.

Nat Goodwin in "Never Say Die."

Mr. Nat Goodwin and his company of gifted players in "Never Say Die" will not fail to convince the public, during their forthcoming engagement of one night only at the Academy of Music, on next Wednesday of the sincerity of Mr. Goodwin's desire to give the patrons of this popular theatre the best entertainment possible in the always varying development of art and variety in light amusement.

"Never Say Die" proved itself the dramatic bijou of the last current season among the comedies produced, and critics everywhere, as well as that portion of the discriminating public which have witnessed it, have unanimously agreed upon the singular charm and distinction of it as presented by Nat Goodwin and his brilliant co-workers; among the more prominent being Margaret Moreland, Nan Bernard, Maude Henderson, Dennis Cleugh, Isador Marcil, Alexandre J. Herbert, Luke Vrohman, Frank Lynch and others.

The story of "Never Say Die", a farcical comedy in three acts, by Wm. H. Post, is about one Dionysious Woodbury, whom the doctors have pronounced a dying man; and with this end in view, forthwith proceeds to involve himself and his large fortune in a mesh of complications of the most amusing nature; and it is the unraveling of the above that furnishes nearly three hours of laughter for the audience. A production entirely in keeping with Mr. Goodwin's standards will prevail. The prices will range from 50 cents to $1.50. The advance sale will open Monday morning at Plummer's.

Rush for "Cabiria" Seats.

"Cabiria" seats went on sale yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, and they were waiting at 8 o'clock for the ticket window to open. One of the first to buy tickets was a Wilmington lady who saw "Cabiria" in New York, who reserved eight of the best seats in the house for Friday night. The sale of seats for both Friday performances was brisk all day, but many good seats will be available today. Hundreds of good seats for Saturday's two performances are not yet sold, but before tonight all choice seats for both performances will no doubt be taken up.

"Cabiria" will not play a return engagement in Wilmington—at least for six months or more—as it is booked solid for months ahead, and it was by merest accident that it was secured for Friday and Saturday at the Victoria, having been booked six weeks ago.

Phone orders to No. 27 will be taken care of promptly, and seats for any performance reserved.

Helen Holmes at the Bijou.

Suffering catfish, but you ought to see Helen Holmes jump in "A Desperate Leap." Yep! From the depot roof to the top of a box car, and the train didn't stop either. But that's only one of a dozen big punches in this great two-reel railroad thriller, heading the bill today at the Bijou.

Three tramps swipe a mail bag from a post, and that's some trick when you're hanging on to the edge of a fast freight. But when Helen lands on the roof and with the train crew fights the hobos to a finish (that train is still speeding, you know), you'll be almost as near the edge of your seat as the scrappers are to the edge of eternity. It is a great feature, one of the most thrilling stories that this "dare devil of the movies" has yet enacted.

Sidney Ayres and Doris Pawn enact two soul-stirring roles in "The Mirror of Justice," a single reel Powers drama that comes second on today's big bill.

Then there's still another one—"Inside Facts"—starring pretty and accomplished Myrtle Gonzales.

Edna Mayo at Grand.

Edna Mayo, the sparkling Essanay star, is seen at her very best in the three-reel success, "Despair", heading today's bill at the Grand. Portions of this feature resemble the style of plays in which Miss Mayo was wont to play the role of Lotta, and her work during which she assumes several disguises, which stand comparison with the creator of "The Little Detective."

"Despair" is melodramatic all the way through and is a thrilling photoplay as Essanay has released in several months, and has been well directed by the author, J. Charles Haydon. Bryant Washburn plays the hero in his usual effective manner, and Frank Hamilton and William V. Burns make strong impressions as a pair of crooks.

A great Lubin comedy, "Up Against It", stars D. L. Don and George Egan. The fortunes of a small time vaudeville are amusingly set forth in this offering. One of the men passes himself off as a lady manicurist when the team opens a barber shop. The reel is filled with good fun-making situations.

A Pyramid of Pretty Girls Who Sing Chorus Parts in "Everywoman," at the Academy Saturday.

"Everywoman."

Henry W. Savage, the theatrical producer who has a habit of doing big things in a big way, announces the production of the dramatic spectacle, "Everywoman" at the Academy of Music, matinee and night on next Saturday. The production is described as mastodonic. Two carloads of scenery, costumes and electrical effects are transported from city to city to aid in illuminating the peculiar play and no less than 150 people are employed in the representation. An entire symphony orchestra is carried by the organization to interpret the score which was composed by George Whitefield Chadwick, dean of the New England Conservatory of Music, and the cast includes 37 speaking characters. In reality "Everywoman," most difficult to place under the ordinary classification of the theatre, is a combination of grand opera, musical comedy and drama, deftly intermingled. It admits of astonishing electrical effects and scenic splendors. There are thousands of square yards of scenery and armies of supernumeraries. It is the Barnum of stage pictures. Aside from all this "Everywoman" is a play, with a purpose, a play with a high moral lesson which has been endorsed in the most glowing terms by educators, scholars, clergymen, editors and sociologists. Written from the view-point of a many-sided man who had been an actor, a singer, an editor, a lecturer, a financier, a stowaway, a circus performer, in America, England, Africa, South America, India and China, it is a compendium of philosophy, wit, biting satire, grim humor. Hunger stalked about the door of Walter Browne when he wrote "Everywoman". When he had run the gamut of disaster and had finished the play no one would read it. After much buffeting it reached the eyes of Henry W. Savage who produced it. It has been witnessed by four million people and has been played in five countries. Walter Browne, the author, died on the day of the first performance and never saw his play produced.

The matinee prices will be from 50 cents to $1.50. The night prices will range from 50 cents to $2. Tickets will go on sale this morning at Plummer's.

12-Piece Orchestra at Victoria.

The orchestra that will play at the Victoria Theatre for the stupendous photo spectacle "Cabiria" Friday and Saturday will be an innovation to the theatre-goers of Wilmington. The management has given Messrs. Hollowbush and Peiffer carte blanche as to the number and line-up and the result is a 12-piece orchestra that is composed of the best musicians obtainable. It will be under the leadership of Prof. Henri Georges.

The music for this production is quite a novelty even to Wilmington's best musicians, being the original Italian manuscript, composed and arranged by one of Italy's greatest musicians. The entire music score comprises some five or six hundred pages of manuscript, and there being only two or three copies of it in the United States, it was obtained at a big rental from the American representatives of the Itala Film Company, in New York City.

This orchestra under the leadership of Prof. Georges, will play for all of the forthcoming big photoplay events at the Victoria.

COMING EVENTS OF INTEREST IN TABOR SCHOOL AUDITORIUM.

Annual Declamation and Recitation Contest—Musical Concert.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Tabor, N. C., Dec. 15.—The annual declamation and recitation contest, given each year under the auspices of the Floyd Literary Society of the Tabor graded school, will take place on next Monday evening, December 20th, at 8 o'clock at the school auditorium. This is one event to which every one in all the surrounding vicinity look forward each year and one in which a great many take interest. Two medals will be given, one to the young lady rendering the best recitation and one to the young man delivering the best declamation. There were 38 to take part in the first preliminary contest, which cut the number down to six each. The second preliminary was held in order to still reduce the number to three each. This was hotly contested by both the girls and the boys, and it was a hard matter to select the representatives to appear next Monday evening. The girls selected were Emma Suggs, Birdie Suggs and Ada Graham, with Ernis Fowler as alternate. The boys selected were Henry Hickman, Dewey Bell and Holly Caines, with Myers Harrison as alternate. The judges who sat on the last preliminary were from out of town and pronounced the recitations and declamations as fine as they had heard anywhere.

Several choruses and vocal solos will be rendered during the evening. To this contest the members of the society extend a cordial invitation to all.

On Tuesday evening following 8 o'clock, in the school auditorium the regular mid-winter concert will be held by the pupils of Miss Lorena Newton (graduate of the Southern Conservatory of Music, Durham) who has charge of the music department of the Tabor graded school. This is the biggest concert of its kind ever attempted in this community and will come as a special treat to those who love music. Three pianos will be in use, and you will see all three pianos going at the same time, two at each piano, all playing the same piece at the same time, also trio, three at each piano, and another a quartette, four at one piano.

Edna Porter, Who Plays the Role of "Everywoman," at the Academy of Music Saturday.

"THE BIG HOG OF DUPLIN."

Porker Killed by Mr. H. D. McMillan, of Teachey, Weighs 548.

Teachey, N. C., Dec. 15.—Mr. H. D. McMillan, a merchant of this place, yesterday killed a hog that weighed 548 pounds. He would like to hear from the man in Duplin county who has killed a bigger one this year, while Duplin wouldn't mind hearing from the county that produces bigger hogs.

A Scene From "Graustark," to Be Presented at the Royal Saturday.

THE ROYAL
"Wilmington's Modern Movie"
Daniel Frohman-Paramount Present the Bewitching Screen Star,
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Recent Star in "The Pink Lady."
In a Thrilling Photo-Adaptation of Henry Arthur Jones' Internationally Famous Drama,
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An Admirable Adaptation of a Really Great Play, in Five Acts.
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EDNA MAYO
The Bewitching Essanay Star, in a Boy Role, in
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A Wilmington Lady Who Has Seen "Cabiria" Was Among the First at the Box Office Yesterday Morning, and Reserved EIGHT SEATS in a Block!
NO RETURN DATE
Will be Played on "Cabiria," as it is Booked Solid for Six Months. Friday and Saturday Your Only Opportunity to Witness This Inspiring Spectacle, Which Was Shown Before President Wilson at the White House, at a Private Exhibition.

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Christmas IN MANY LANDS

Christmas in Paris - Santa Claus has an Xmas Party

Christmas in West Africa

Xmas in Greenland

How the Feast of the Nativity Is Celebrated from Greenland to Australia.

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IT is interesting as well as instructive to know the manner in which the various Christian nations do homage to Him whose birth and mission laid the foundation of our religion. These celebrations reflect in a measure the conception of the countries of this glorious event as well as indicate the traditions of the people on the subject. So curious and quaint are many of these festivities that they may almost be classed among the folk lore of the people.

Germany.

Germany has been called the Christmas country, due to the fact that the celebration of the Nativity is carried out with more feasting and merriment than in any other land, for the Germans while a brave and vigorous nation are sentimental and childlike in their pleasures. They have produced a Christmas that is a very Paradise for children and at which arises the old delight to play at being young again around the big Christmas tree set up in the German home. Early in life the child is taught to love the festival, and the impression remains so permanent that no matter where the German may be later in life when December the twenty-fifth rolls around you will find him celebrating just as he did in his childhood days.

The German housewife begins her Christmas preparations early in November and makes many of the gifts with her own hands. Always thrifty, she never wastes time in idleness, and all sorts of knitted garments are found among the presents to her friends. There is much secrecy about certain cupboards to which Mother always carries the key. The festivities begin on Christmas Eve at midnight when the door of a room which has been kept closed earlier in the evening so that Santa Claus may not be disturbed at his work is thrown open and the children run in and dance about the Christmas tree—the common property of the family. Each person's gifts are placed in a pile on the table and the parents give them out amid wild shrieks of delight from the children. After awhile the youngsters are hustled off to bed as their elders must be in church at five in the morning to hear a sermon on the Birth of the Saviour of Mankind and to assist in the singing of the carols. New prayer books are the fashion for the morning service as these are popular as gifts. After church there is one round of visiting and feasting. The poor are always remembered and every cottage has Christmas cheer. Much of this is provided by the Royal Family, the municipal authorities and charitable societies. The Empress and Crown Princess are always interested in this work and it is safe to say that even today with the country at war the poorest child will not be forgotten.

Austria, Italy and Spain.

In Austria the celebration is much the same except at the palace, where the aged Emperor gathers his family about him for a reunion. The dinner, however, lacks the jollity of the royal feast in Germany. Franz Joseph always remembers the unfortunates of Vienna, and in each city district there is a huge tree and presents distributed to the poor at his expense.

The Italian spends a merry Christmas with bonfires and fireworks on the night of the twenty-fourth. He goes to midnight mass after a gay time on the streets, and when the dawn breaks on Christmas he sleeps for a while and then pays visits to his friends. Cake, candy, wines and fruits are kept on the buffets of every household and the callers are expected to enjoy themselves. Their visit to the Bambino—the doll made to represent the Christ Child, is one of the features of an Italian Christmas celebration.

In Spain there is a two-day holiday—Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, both of which are celebrated by a mixture of religious services and feasting. There are three masses on Christmas Day and one at midnight of December twenty-fourth. The latter is well attended, almost every family being represented, servants included. In the old days the servants usually preceded the family to the church, each playing on a different musical instrument. The service is picturesque—the organ peals and the choir chants as the priests bring from under the altar the figure representing the new born Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes of gold and white, while the congregation to a man fall down and cross themselves in mute adoration. The service is called the "Cock-crow Mass." At 1:30 A. M. the crowds go home. On Christmas Day the poor come to pay their rent to their landlord and he gives them a gift, usually a piece of salt fish for luck. During the afternoon the poorer classes parade the streets dressed in gaudy clothes. At Seville the fashionable driveway is crowded with people who go there only on Christmas. Sometimes there is a bull fight in the afternoon.

Norway.

The Norwegian's most delicate compliment to a lady on Christmas is to send her a brooch or a pair of ear rings. These presents are packed in hay and she must hunt them as one does "a needle in a haystack." No reason can be found for this, the people merely saying that it is an old custom. One of the prettiest established usages of Scandinavia is the dinner to the birds. On Christmas morning every gable, gateway or barn door is decorated with a sheaf of corn fixed on top of a tall pole. This is for the Birds' Christmas dinner. Mummers (Kris Kringles) are particularly active during the Christmas season in the north countries.

Miracle Plays in France.

In Northern France the Birth of the Saviour is celebrated by eating, drinking and merrymaking and in family reunions. The Christmas tree is set up and children are given gifts by Santa Claus. In Paris the boulevards throng with merrymakers, and turkey, plum pudding and foods popular in England are on the menu cards.

In Southern France the miracle plays of mediaeval times are given in the churches. They begin with the singing of the Shepherds outside the church asking if they may enter. This being granted they come in followed by the Shepherdesses, who walk three by three, carrying a tree festooned with apples. They pass to the baptismal fonts which represent the palace of Herod. The King is seated on a raised throne between his two ministers. Lawyers stand about with books. Suddenly the Eastern star glides on a string to the pulpit, three knocks are heard and the Magi dressed in Oriental costume appear. They make known the object of their visit and Herod sends them to Bethlehem and they pass out as the shepherds and shepherdesses bow low. After they have prostrated themselves an angel comes to warn them that they should return to their country without visiting Herod again. Then the star appears as a guide; the wicked King rises and gives orders for the slaying of the innocents and the play is finished.

Russia and England.

The Russians love to sing on Christmas and they have a number of poems which speak of the master of the house as the bright moon, the wife is the red sun, and the stars are the little children. Men go from door to door singing this song on Christmas morning and wishing the inmates a Merry Christmas. Mumming is also popular in Russia, the favorite disguise being that of Lazarus, the blind beggar. Sometimes the Mummers go from town to town in sledges singing songs and amusing the populace in general. In the churches miniature representation of the Nativity is set up with a wax figure of the Child in the center. All sorts of crude figures were used, some made of paper and others of wood and china. All day long the people prostrate themselves before this shrine.

England has her Yule Log, her baron of beef, her plum pudding, her mistletoe, her carols and her Christmas charades with the mummers. Many of these customs are rapidly dying out although royalty still has the baron of beef brought into the dining room on Christmas Day with some ceremony, the Yule Log still burns and carols are sung. Christmas is celebrated in all the British colonies, especially among the soldiers, who never fail to have their plum puddings and beef. In Australia, where the weather is warm on Christmas, the people go out camping and have game and fish dinners in the forests. In India, the land of summer, tiger hunting parties are organized for the day, but the men always contrive to have some little reminder of the English Christmas for their dinner.

Africa and Greenland.

Away down in German East Africa the Germans have taught the negro the Christmas story, and in many homes the natives have their Christmas trees. At the missions there is a feast all day long with a tree full of gifts for the boys and girls who come to the mission school.

Also in the West Indies the Christmas festival follows the customs of the countries of which they are colonies. For instance, Jamaica has an English Christmas as far as possible; Cuba, although free and independent, still clings to old Spanish customs, and likewise Porto Rico; Haiti follows French customs, while the Danish West Indies cling to the Scandinavian practices.

In Greenland where the people for the most part are Catholic the natives shut themselves in from the snow and set up a little Christmas tree. The walls of their houses are covered with religious pictures and a candle is placed before each one on Christmas Eve to light the way of the Virgin and the Child. In many South American lands where the Spanish idea prevails the people hold carnivals, and in one place the curious old Spanish custom of several men going outside of town and mounting ladders to look for the Wise Men is still in vogue.

The Servians burn a Yule log on Christmas and believe that the ashes kept in the house during the coming year will bring health and prosperity to the family. As they are of the faith of the Greek Church the religious service is the same as that of Russia.

All over the world, rich and poor in every land welcome the coming Christ with joy in their hearts.

"At home, at sea, in many distant lands
This Kingly Feast without a rival stands."

A German Christmas Tree

WOUNDED SOLDIERS PLAY SANTA CLAUS

Arabian Wedding - This Group Contributed by the Wife of the Governor of Algiers

Polish Doll

Market Women of France

Arabian Houses Guarded by Allied Soldiers

Exquisite Dolls and Wonderful Toys Fashioned By Frenchmen Recovering from Their Wounds Form Marvellous Exhibit - Artistes of Old World Among the Contributors.

By A. R. Parkhurst, Jr.

WHEN Santa Claus starts out on his rounds on Christmas Eve his sleigh will be filled with a bewildering assortment of dolls and toys such as this jolly old gentleman never dreamed of possessing before. In fact, Old Kris Kringle has been sorely perplexed ever since it was evident that the terrible struggle now being waged in all Europe would extend over the Christmas tide, for fear that the sources from which he annually recruited his stock of gifts for his army of friends on this side of the water might be cut off. With Germany and Switzerland sending little or nothing, things looked gloomy, but France came to the rescue and from this country has come such an assortment that makes even us grown-ups sigh with envy as we watch the rapturous youngsters clutching these exquisite dollies to their little bosoms.

Just prior to Thanksgiving Day when that time-honored Christmas slogan is dinned into our ears and thrust into vision at every turn, which is none other than "DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY," those wealthy, hardworking and extremely patriotic New York women who have collected thousands upon thousands of dollars for the La Fayette Fund and the Relief Fund For France, conceived the idea of importing the total output of the soldiers' handiwork. An exhibition, known as Soldiers' in Toyland, was arranged under the auspices of the La Fayette Fund in the Old Knickerbocker Club building in Fifth avenue and at once it sprung into tremendous popularity among the women of wealth and fashion. Prices far out of the ordinary were obtained and when one pauses to consider that every dollar thus spent is being appropriated to alleviate the sufferings of the victims of the war, it recalls to most of them what utter mockery that exquisite Yuletide greeting, Peace on Earth, Good Will Towards Men, is receiving in war-rent Europe this year.

Mlle. Thomson's Idea.

The idea of this doll and toy exhibition was conceived by Mlle. Valentine Thomson, well known in Paris as the editor of La Vie Feminine, the celebrated newspaper for women. A commission was formed by her to promote the scheme, those associated with her including the Baronne de Laumont, Mme. Sauterrie, Mlle. de Marmier, daughter of the Duc de Marmier de Choiseul; Comtesse Philippe de Las Casses, and Mme. La Verrier. It is as delegate of the Commission that brings Mme. La Verrier to New York, where she is taking an active part in the exhibition at the Knickerbocker Club. Her husband is president of the Chaptal College in Paris, and in the course of a visit he paid to this country four years ago he lectured for the Alliance Francaise.

It was as the guest of Mme. Le Verrier that I visited the doll and toy bazaar and as we approached each group she had some charming story to tell in connection with this or that doll or toy, adding a personal touch to the whole tour of the huge room which could not have been obtained under less delightful auspices.

There is nothing more interesting in the collection than the group of historical dolls made after some of the most famous persons in the world. Each is costumed correctly as to the period it represents, and also depicts accurately, in features, the persons for whom they stand. These dolls gowned as Madame Siddons, Princesse Matilde Bonaparte, Empress Eugenie and Vigee Le Brun and others equally celebrated, were made under the direction of the managing director of the House of Margaine La Croix, himself a war cripple. The construction of other beautiful dolls was supervised by upwards of 1,000 workers from the House af Callot Soeurs who were thrown out of work by the war. The Doucet House is represented by an exhibit of a group of dolls each two and a half feet tall and each representing some historical character. They show the actual damasks, laces, silks, satins and furs worn in earlier generations. There are still other groups dressed after paintings by Velasquez, Gainsborough, Van Dyke, Chardin and others. The faience factories of Sevres and Limoges have supplied individually modelled heads for these dolls.

The group of Fairy Tale dolls are no less interesting than those of fashion and history. No set is more appealing than the military group in which every type of soldier now in the service of the Allies is shown. Each is correct as to uniform and every arm and branch of service each combatant is attached to is shown.

An Algerian Idea.

The wife of the Governor of Algiers has contributed a set of dolls dressed as Arabians. This represents an Arabian wedding in an Arabian house, and the house is quite as interesting and delightful in craftsmanship as the little manikins that are participating in the ceremony at Hymen's altar.

For every distinct group of dolls there is a set of furniture faithfully adhering to the period represented. There are delightful little chateaus, charmingly furnished, as well as quaint little farm houses with all accessories in and out of doors.

The human side of the exhibition is seen in the story of a well-known Parisian wig maker which Mme. Le Verrier delights to relate. Like all true Frenchmen, this wig maker is an artist. He enlisted in the French army, went to the front, was in the thick of the fight until an enemy's bullet lodged in his spine. Another struck him in the eye and when he was taken back to a field hospital it was found that he was paralyzed from the waist down and the injured optic sightless. His sufferings were intense, but he bore them like the hero he was. As his convalescent period arrived he was presented with a bald-headed doll, given some hair, a curler, and a pot of paste. His joy was a delight to behold.

Monsieur set to work and ere long his deft fingers were accomplishing miracles that never had been wrought upon a doll before. These dolls were coiffeured as no doll had ever been coiffeured before. For weeks he lay upon his back, helpless, except to dress the hair of the myriad of dolls that were laid upon his bed each day. Now he is up and able to hobble about, the master of a new and useful art which will return to him and his dependent family a handsome living as long as he survives.

Artists Are Stricken.

Scores of other incidents each as interesting as that of the wig maker are related by Mme. Le Verrier. Vast improvements have been made in the arts of doll and toy making through this war. Sculptors who responded to France's call to arms have been returned to the hospitals far from the battle fronts scarred and maimed for life. Some have lost their legs and in consequence are doomed to spend their remaining days in a wheel chair. Many famous painters sallied forth to return so terribly injured as to preclude all chance of their ever touching brush or canvas again. Many soldiers whose circumstances prior to the war did not afford them the opportunity to give vent to their artistic talents are now deprived of the trades that heretofore put bread into the mouths of the little ones dependent upon them. These sculptors, artists and artisans now are all concentrating their highly developed, or latent talents upon the crafts of doll and toy making.

As I said before, all this has been brought about through a band of noble and self-sacrificing women. When train load after train load of wounded soldiers were brought into Paris the one great problem that confronted the authorities was that of providing some entertainment, and later, some occupation for those maimed heroes when they sufficiently recovered to leave their beds.

Women Learned Trades.

Mlle. Thomson and those of her commission set to work and diligently applied themselves to the art of doll and toy making. They mastered every detail of the craft and then returning to the bedsides of their stricken charges they imparted to them the knowledge they had thus acquired. Naturally the soldiers at first were overjoyed to find some task they could accomplish without fatiguing themselves and in this way while away the tedium of long hours in bed. Quick to seize the idea, the soldiers applied themselves diligently, for before long they were told that the time was not far distant when they could become so proficient at their new trade as to earn a good livelihood therefrom. This gave an added zest to the work and before many weeks some of the most exquisite examples of the doll and toy crafts that Paris had ever seen were being sent from the military hospitals of Paris.

Many of the soldiers who learned these trades in their hospitals have so far recovered as to be out again, and scores upon scores of them have been sent broadcast through the villages and rural districts of France to impart their knowledge to the afflicted of those districts and in this way France is acquiring a new industry that before long will rival even the reputation of Germany so long enjoyed as the toy mart of the Old World.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON PRICES ARE HIGHER

Business Further Falls Off But Market Is Steadier With General List Closing 5 to 13 Points Up.

New York, Dec. 15.—There was a further falling off in business but the cotton market showed a steadier tone today and after selling at 12.28 early March rallied to 12.41 and closed at 12.35, with a general list closing steady at a net advance of 5 to 13 points.

Liverpool was relatively steady and the market here opened at an advance of 2 to 6 points. There was further Wall Street and commission house liquidation and prices soon sagged back to about last night's closing figures, with January at 12.05 and May at 12.50. Liverpool bought on the decline, while there was also some buying by spot interests accompanied by reports of further price fixing by spinners, and the market firmed toward the middle of the morning.

Covering by recent sellers and buying for a reaction helped the advance which was encouraged by several private reports from the South that holders were refusing to sell at declines, with January selling up to 12.17 and May to 12.64 or about 13 to 15 points net higher. This advance was checked by rumors that preliminary returns to a Southern authority indicated that ginning for the first December period had been in excess of the figures for 1910 and the market sagged off 8or 9 points from the best. The offerings, however, were not as active or as aggressive as they were earlier in the week and prices steadied again in the late trading with the close showing recoveries of some 5 to 8 points from the low level. The official revision of the acreage planted to cotton made it 30,967,00e0 against the preliminary estimate of 31,535,000.

Closed steady:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	12.06	12.17	12.05	12.10
March	12.30	12.41	12.28	12.35
May	12.53	12.64	12.50	12.58
July	12.64	12.75	12.61	12.70
October	12.23	12.34	12.20	12.30

Spot cotton steady; middling 12.30. Sales 1,400 bales.

THE FORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans — Middling, 11.82; receipts, 11,031; exports, 100; sales, 750; stock, 372,871.

Galveston—Middling, 12.20; receipts, 11,863; exports, 4,850; sales, 250; stock, 331,132.

Mobile—Middling, 11.63; receipts, 286; sales, 25; stock, 26,273.

Savannah—Middling, 12.13; receipts, 5,450; sales, 766; stock, 227,615.

Charleston — Middling, 12.00; receipts, 1,425; stock, 105,736.

Wilmington — Receipts, 519; stock, 51,969

Norfolk — Middling, 11.63; receipts, 3,124; sales, 598; stock, 128,402.

Baltimore—Stock, 6,286.

Boston—Stock, 10,500.

Philadelphia—Stock, 2,634.

New York—Middling, 12.30; sales, 1,200; stock, 305,410.

Minor Ports—Receipts, 4,688; exports, 4,688; stock, 44,490.

Total today—Receipts, 38,386; exports, 9,638; stock, 1,611,848.

Total for week — Receipts, 178,741; exports, 114,421.

Total for season—Receipts, 3,648,598; exports, 2,061,300.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling, 12.20; receipts, 14,889; shipments, 13,222; sales, 4,313; stock, 227,040.

Memphis — Middling, 12.12; receipts, 7,825; shipments, 4,914; sales, 250; stock, 325,753.

Augusta — Middling, 11.63; receipts, 1,539; shipments, 1,471; sales, 1,302; stock, 205,053.

St. Louis — Middling, 12¼; receipts, 3,765; shipments, 2,810; stock, 14,965.

Cincinnati—Receipts, 993; shipments, 1,202; stock, 19,443.

Little Rock—Middling, 12.35; receipts, 1,778; shipments, 1,079; sales, 1,079; stock, 46,771.

Dallas—Middling, 11.70.

Montgomery—Middling, 11.50; sales, 28.

Total today — Receipts, 30,788; shipments, 24,698; stock, 839,225.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

Advance for Day of 5 to 6 Points—Middling 11.82.

New Orleans, Dec. 15.—The cotton market was steady and stood at the advance practically all day. Price changes, however, were narrow and the net result was a gain of 5 to 6 points. Selling, such as has featured the market of late, was not in evidence. The chief steadying influence was the report that a private bureau was coming out with statistics showing that only 10,300,000 bales were ginned to December 13.

Around the opening the market rose 5 to 8 points in response to better cables than due. Moderate offerings, met the rise and by the middle of the morning the market sold one point under yesterday's close on March and was at yesterday's close on other trading months. The rumors regarding ginning figures were circulated at this time and the active months were sent up for a net gain of 12 to14 points. The market became dull in the afternoon with a tendency to ease off.

Closed steady. Closing bid: January 11.96; March 12.27; May 12.49; July 12.62; October 12.20.

Spot cotton quiet, unchanged. Sales on the spot 350, to arrive 600. Middling 11.82.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

Crop Report Wipes Out Some Moderate Upturns in Wheat.

Chicago, Dec. 15. — Government crop figures, although less bearish than a majority of traders had appeared to expect, were influential today in wiping out some moderate upturns in the wheat market. Prices closed unsettled, varying from ¼c. net decline to a like advance, with December at 1.16 and May at 1.17¾.

Corn gained 1⅛@1¼ to 2⅛c. Oats finished a shade up, and provisions unchanged to 10c. higher.

Grain and provisions close:

Wheat—December, 1.16; May, 1.11¾.

Corn—December, 69½; May, 72.

Oats—December, 42; May, 45.

Pork—January, 18.45; May, 18.40.

Lard—January, 9.65; May, 9.95

Ribs—January, 9.75; May, 10.10.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, 1.21½@1.22¼; No. 3, red, 1.13@1.16; No. 2, hard, 1.17; No. 3, hard, 1.09¾@1.10¾.

Corn—No. 4, yellow, new, 65½@67¾; No. 4, white, new, 67.

GINNERS REPORT BY COUNTIES

Number of Bales Ginned in Each North Carolina County Prior to December 1.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Sam L. Rogers, Director of the Census, announces the preliminary report of cotton ginned by counties in North Carolina prior to December 1, for the crops of 1914 and 1915. The report was made public for the State Wednesday, December 8. The report by counties follows:

County.	Crop. 1915.	1914.
Total	612,848	674,340
Alexander	1,021	1,241
Anson	20,686	20,471
Beaufort	7,257	7,863
Bertie	7,767	7,442
Bladen	7,188	8,013
Cabarrus	10,131	10,663
Camden	2,331	3,648
Catawba	4,907	6,687
Chatham	5,311	6,059
Chowan	3,265	4,232
Cleveland	18,111	19,938
Columbus	7,104	8,311
Craven	4,777	4,205
Cumberland	14,683	20,328
Davidson	1,045	1,088
Davie	982	760
Duplin	8,665	8,564
Durham	393	567
Edgecombe	20,904	18,454
Franklin	10,490	10,729
Gaston	7,127	6,834
Gates	2,743	3,862
Greene	8,981	6,701
Halifax	21,532	22,543
Harnett	14,874	20,461
Hertford	2,354	3,104
Hoke	10,385	13,499
Iredell	7,284	7,978
Johnston	31,400	38,330
Jones	4,926	4,872
Lee	4,663	6,095
Lenoir	10,000	9,060
Lincoln	4,696	6,151
Martin	7,279	5,880
Mecklenburg	20,970	19,936
Montgomery	3,413	3,848
Moore	2,456	3,039
Nash	19,743	18,971
Northampton	11,097	13,293
Onslow	4,611	3,863
Orange	700	738
Pamlico	5,052	5,130
Pasquotank	3,330	5,144
Perquimans	5,219	6,445
Pitt	19,718	12,971
Polk	1,150	1,068
Richmond	12,617	14,461
Robeson	42,776	55,636
Rowan	5,063	6,640
Rutherford	7,916	9,388
Sampson	18,312	20,693
Scotland	24,504	30,130
Stanly	6,381	6,529
Union	23,107	23,494
Vance	2,770	2,907
Wake	19,219	22,372
Warren	8,199	9,117
Washington	2,185	2,622
Wayne	22,917	26,264
Wilson	18,532	18,728
All other	5,712	5,725

MARINE.

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List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.). 3,289 tons, Hollasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Rell (Ger.). 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

Str. Elsiston (Br.), 1,834 tons, Niven, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 15.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—51¾c.

ROSIN—Large, $5.40; small, $5.25.

TAR—$2.20-9c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$3.75, $3.75, $2.75.

Quotation same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 43. Rosin, $3.20. Tar, $2.00-8½. Crude Turpentine, firm, $3.25, $3.25, $2.25.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine 1

Rosin 5

Tar 286

Crude Turpentine 28

Receipts — Same day last year: Spirits turpentine, 2 casks; rosin, 4 barrels; tar, 450 barrels; crude turpentine, 42 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—11¼c. Quotation same day last year, 6¾c.

Receipts—486 bales; same day last year, 933 bales.

Total receipts since August 1st, to date, 133,220 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 80,697 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Atlantic Coast Line—447 bales cotton; 1 cask spirits turpentine; 5 barrels rosin; 282 barrels tar; 6 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—39 bales cotton.

Str. Whitlock—2 barrels crude turpentine.

Bessie Morse—4 barrels tar; 20 barrels crude turpentine.

Total — 486 bales cotton; 1 cask spirits turpentine; 5 barrels rosin; 286 barrels tar; 28 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 15.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, 40c. to 45c. per bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—80c to 90c.

CORN—$1.75 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7@9c.; good demand.

PORK—Small, 10@11c. per pound.

SHEEP—Gross: Old sheep, 3@4c.; lambs, 3@5c. lb.

WOOL—Burry, 19 to 28c.; black wool, 17 to 26c; first class white wool, 27c.

HIDES—Green salt, 12@13c.; dry flint, 17@20c. per lb.; good demand.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 20c.; sides and shoulders, 16c. per lb. Good demand.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.; good demand.

POULTRY—Chickens, grown, 45c to 50c.; spring, 20c to 35c. head. Geese, 55c. to 60c. per head. Ducks, 35c. to 60c. owing to quality. Turkeys, 15c to 18c. lb., alive; 20c to 22c., dressed.

EGGS—27c to 28c.

FOREIGN LOAN BONDS LOWER

Overshadowing and Somewhat Disturbing Feature of Stock Market —German Exchange Falls.

New York, Dec. 15.—The one overshadowing and somewhat disturbing feature of today's professional stock market was the fall in Anglo-French 5 per cent. war bonds to 94 1-8 for regular and future delivery. This represented a 3 7-8 points decline from the price of general offerings and a drop of 2 1-8 under the underwriting price.

Expiration of the sixty day syndicate agreement, which precluded free and unrestricted offering before today, was the signal for a general selling movement which had its inception at the outset of the session and continued to 94 3-4. Total sales approximated $2,400,000 or about 30 per cent. of the day's business in the bond division.

An interesting sidelight on the movement in Anglo-French bonds was afforded by another reduction in the subscription prices of German, Austrian and Hungarian government bonds. These issues have suffered a steady downward revision, mainly in consequence of the corresponding depreciation of exchange between this center and the countries of the Central Empires. Remittances to Berlin today registered the new minimum of 76 3-4.

Dealings in stocks were nominal, aside from the feverish activities shown by such issues as Mercantile Marine, preferred, oil stocvks Studebaker and a few of the recently active war group.

Investment shares, including rails were irregular at first, becoming heavy later. Trading in these stocks was at all times obscurred by the obvious manipulation in specialties. New York Central manifested underlying strength in the forenoon, but fell back later on the failure of the directors to increase the dividend.

United States Steel was under pressure at all times, rising and falling within narrow limits and closing at 86 1-8, a decline of 3-4. Bethlehem Steel made a net gain of 8 to 482 and General Motors fell 18 to 533.

Bonds were heavy, in sympathy with the weakness of the Anglo-French issue. There were numerous "future" offerings, the result, it was generally believed of the British chancellor's "mobilization" plan.

Total sales par value, amounted to $7,270,000. United States registered 4s advanced 1-2 of one per cent. on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers	32½
American Beet Sugar	72½
American Can	60⅝
American Car and Foundry	80¼
American Cities, pfd	46
American Cotton Oil	56¼
American Locomotive	63
American Smelting	99
American Sugar	116
American Tel. and Tel	128⅝
American Tobacco	206¾
Anaconda Copper	86
Atchison	106½
Atlantic Coast Line	118¼
Baldwin Locomotive	116½
Baltimore and Ohio	92⅝
Bethlehem Steel	482
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	88½
Canadian Pacific	181
Central Leather	53¾
Chesapeake and Ohio	62½
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	93½
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry	15⅝
Consolidated Gas	143¼
Crucible Steel	72½
Erie	42⅝
General Electric ex. div	173
General Motors	533
Great Northern, pfd	125⅝
Illinois Central	107
Interborough Consol. Corp	21⅞
Kansas City Southern	31
Lehigh Valley	82
Louisville and Nashville	129
Liggett and Myers	250
Lorillard Co., ex. div	182½
Missouri, Kansas and Texas, pfd	16
Mex. Petroleum	100¼
National Lead	64
New York Central	105⅝
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	76
Norfolk and Western	121¾
Northern Pacific	116
Pennsylvania	58⅝
Reading	81
Rep. Iron and Steel	65⅛
Rep. Iron and Steel, pfd., ex. div.	110½
Seaboard Air Line	18
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	40
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	63
Studebaker Corp	173⅛
Southern Pacific	100⅝
Southern Railway	22½
Southern Railway, pfd	61¼
Tennessee Copper	57⅛
Texas Co	230¼
Texas and Pacific	15¼
Union Pacific	137½
United States Rubber	54
United States Steel	86¼
United States Steel, pfd	116¼
Utah Copper	79⅞
Virginia-Caro. Chem	47
Western Union	89
Westinghouse Electric	68⅝
Great Northern Ore	48⅝
Va. I., C. and C	62
Wabash B. W. I.	28¾
Missouri Pacific	3⅝
United Fruit	148¼

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 15.—North Carolina Peanuts—New crop, market lower. Fancy hand-picked, 80c.; No. 1, machine picked, 75c. per bushel.

Virginia Peanuts—New crop, steady. Jumbos, 66c.; fancy hand-picked, 55c.; No. 1, machine-picked, 50c. per bushel.

Spanish Peanuts—New crop, steady; No. 1, small, machine-picked, 85c.; Jumbos, 80c. per bushel.

Receipts—Light.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 15.—Spanish: Farmers' stock: Market, firm. New peanuts, dry and clean, $1.10 per bu.; new, green and dirty, 60c. to 75c. per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock: New fancy Jumbo, 3½c. to 3¾c. per lb.; new, extra prime, 3¼c. per lb.; new prime, 3c. per lb.; new, shelling stock, 2¼c. to 2¾c. per lb.

New York, Dec. 15. — Cotton goods, and yarns, steady today. Worsted yarns, firm; domestic laces, in good demand. Jobbers reported a very satisfactory advance business on wash goods and white goods for spring.

THE WEATHER

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 16, 1915.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 31 degrees; at 8 P. M., 41 degrees; maximum, 46 degrees; minimum, 30 degrees; mean, 38 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, .76 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M. yesterday, 3.9 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina: Rain and warmer Thursday; Friday rain.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 16, 1915.

Sun rises .. .. 7:11 A. M.

Sun sets .. .. 5:02 P. M.

Day's length .. .. 9 hrs. 52 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	6:05	6:24	12:39	1:17
Southport	4:08	4:21	10:20	10:30
Masonboro Inl	3:57	4:10	10:00	10:10

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

December 15, 1915.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 p.m.
Abilene	cldy	74	54	.0
Asheville	rain	36	22	.08
Atlanta	cldy	40	34	.02
Augusta	cldy	46	36	.0
Baltimore	clear	32	—	.0
Birmingh.	cldy	60	40	.01
Charleston	cldy	52	36	.0
Charlotte	rain	40	30	.08
Chicago	cldy	30	12	.0
Galveston	cldy	70	64	.0
Jacksonv.	clear	64	42	.0
Memphis	cldy	62	42	.38
Mobile	pt cldy	70	48	.0
Montgom'y	cldy	68	42	.0
New Orl.	pt cldy	72	50	.0
New York	clear	30	20	.0
Oklahoma	clear	72	52	.0
Palestine	pt cldy	74	62	.0
Pittsburg.	cldy	24	16	.0
Raleigh.	sleet	42	26	.0
Savannah.	cldy	62	38	.0
Shreveport	cldy	76	52	.0
St. Louis.	cldy	34	28	.26
Washing'n	clear	32	22	.0

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 15. — Cotton: Spot, easier; good middling, 7.87; middling, 7.50; low middling, 7.06; sales, 8,007; for speculation and export, 870; receipts, none. Futures, firm. December, 7.37½; December-January, 7.37; January-February, 7.36½; February-March, 7.35½; March-April, 7.35; April-May, 7.31½; May-June, 7 28; June-July, 7.24½; July-August, 7.21; August-Septembee, 7.06; September-October, 6.90; October-November, 6.84.

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 15. — Mercantile paper, 3@3¼. Sterling, sixty day bills, 4.6725; demand, 4.7175; cables, 4.7250. Bar silver, 55. Mexican dollars, 42¼. Government bonds, firm. Railroad bonds, heavy. Time loans, firm; sixty days, 2½; ninety days, 2⅛@2⅝; six months, 3. Call money, firm.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Dec. 15. — Sugar—Raw, firm; centrifugal, 4.89; molasses sugar, 4.21; refined, steady.

Coffee—Spot, quiet; No. 7, Rio, 7¾; No. 4, Santos, 9c.

Butter—Firm.

Cheese—Firm.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 15. — Cotton seed oil had an easier start with lard, but later firmed up on advancing crude markets and light offerings. A large part of the trading was in the way of switching January to March at 3 points. Tenders on December contracts were 300 barrels.

Closed steady. Spot, 8.30@8.50. January, 8.39@8.41; February, 8.40@8.42; March, 8.41@8.42; April, 8.42@8 50; May, 8.52@8.53; June, 8.55@8.58; July, 8.61@8.62; December, 8.34@8.40.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Dec. 15. — Hogs — Steady. Bulk, 6.25@6.65; light, 5.90@6.60; mixed, 6 15@6.75; heavy, 6.25@6.75; rough, 6.25@6.35; pigs, 4.50@6.00.

Cattle—Firm. Native beef steers, 6.10@11.00; cows and heifers, 2.85@8.45; calves, 6.75@10.35.

Sheep—Weak. Wethers, 6.10@6.90; ewes, 4.25@6.35; lambs, 6.90@9 60.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Dec. 15. — Turpentine, firm, 52½; sales, 3.82; receipts, 75; shipments, 182; stock, 15,388.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 3,289; receipts, 1,013; shipments, 2,301; stock, 77,464. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, F, 5.25@5.35; G, H, 5.30@5.35; I, 5.35@5.55; H, 5.90@6.00; M, 6.20@6.25; N, 6 50@6.75; W G, 6.90@6.95; W W, 6.90@7.00.

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No. 90. 3:40 A.M. Monday morning only.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91. 1:15 A.M. Sunday morning (Saturday night) only.
No. 61. 5:30 A.M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia, and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to recieve outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M. and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 56. 11:59 P.M. Daily.
No. 64. 5:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65. 6:15 P.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.
No. 48. 7:40 A.M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49. 6:05 P.M. Daily.
No. 63. 8:45 A.M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 59 8:00 P.M. Daily.
No. 62. 3:25 P.M. Daily.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63. 12:50 P.M. Daily.
No. 52. 3:45 P.M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. Pullman Cars between Florence and Columbia.	No. 54. 12:50 P.M. Daily.
No. 58. 6:30 P.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat only.	Fayetteville and Intermediate stations.	No. 60. 10:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs., Sat. only.
No. 42. 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41. 9:50 A.M. Daily.

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SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

In Effect November 15, 1915.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS

EASTBOUND			WESTBOUND		
Leave Front and for Winter Park	Leave Front and for Wrights ville	Leave... Front and for Beach	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrights-ville for Wilmington	Leave Beach for Wilmington
.....	.....	.....	a6:26 A. M.	a6:16 A. M.	.....
a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a7:36 A. M.	a7:26 A. M.	.....
6:55 A. M.	6:55 A. M.	b6:55 A. M.	8:01 A. M.	7:50 A. M.	7:40 A. M.
a8:00 A. M.	a8:00 A. M.	.....	a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	.....
8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	9:36 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
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10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	11:06 A. M.	10:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
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SUPREME COURT FILES OPINIONS IN 20 CASES

Watauga Railroad Trespass Case One of Most Notable.

Majority of Court Holds That There Was No Trespass by Employes in Going on Lands of the Plaintiff.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 15.—The Supreme Court delivered opinions this evening in twenty appeals. One of the most notable is State vs. Jones and other employes of the Watauga & Yadkin Railway Company, forcible trespass on the lands of Jessie Dulain, Wilkes county, the majority of the court holding that there was error in convicting the railroad employes. Judge Walker dissents on the ground that possession and not title control as in the Davenport case.

However, Chief Justice Clark, writing the opinion for the court, holds that this principle applies only where the power of eminent domain on the part of the party defendant does not exist, and that having the right of eminent domain, the railroad employes could invade the lands after condemnation proceedings were instituted, as they did.

In drainage district No. 1 vs. B. A. Parks et al., from Wayne, the court finds error and directs that the court below set aside the former order "and proceed to determine upon the validity of the report and thereafter proceed agreeably to the law."

Full List of Opinions.

The full list of opinions delivered by the Supreme Court this evening follows:

Drainage District No. 1 vs Parks, et al., Wayne county, error; Edwards vs. Commissioners of Green County, affirmed; Barkley vs. Realty Company, Franklin, no error; Walker vs. Lumber Company, Cumberland, affirmed; Hunt vs. North Carolina Railroad Co., Guilford, new trial; Pennington vs. Norfolk Southern Railway Co., Mecklenburg, no error; Wheeler vs. Construction Company, Mecklenburg, affirmed; Kirkpatrick vs. Traction Company, Gaston, reversed; Gilmer vs. Improvement Company, Cabarrus, no error; O'Neal vs. Borders, Cleveland, reversed; State vs. Jones, Wilkes, error; Hodges vs. Richards, Avery, reversed; Lowe vs. Casualty Company, Avery, affirmed in both appeals; McMahan vs. Black Mountain Railway Co., Yancey, reversed; Byrd vs. Spruce Company, Yancey, no error; Hemphill vs. Southern Railway Co., Wilkes, new trial; McCurry vs. Freeman, Rutherford, new trial; State vs. Randall, Buncombe, no error; Wallin vs. Rice, Madison, no error; Craven vs. Munger, Buncombe, affirmed; Schas vs. Assurance Society, Buncombe, no error.

There remain 15 appeals from the 20th and last judicial district to be argued this term, also the noted Warren case from Forsyth in which Samuel P. Christy and Ida B. Warren are under death sentence for the murder of G. J. Warren, husband of the condemned woman. Indications are that, while this case will probably be reached for argument Saturday, it will be carried over to the spring term for final decision and opinion.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS

HOUSE:

Met at noon.

Miscellaneous business considered.

Ways and means committee submits majority report urging a year's extension of emergency revenue law.

Judiciary committee set Friday for hearing Representative Buchanan's impeachment charges against United States Attorney Marshall.

Adjourned at 2:13 P. M. until noon Thursday.

SENATE:

Not in session.

N. C. LEAGUE DIRECTORS MEET.

Each Club to Get Its Own Gate Receipts Hereafter.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 15.—The directors of the North Carolina Baseball League met here today with all towns represented and discussed considerable business pertaining to the affairs of the circuit. The constitution was amended so that each town will receive all of its receipts, except on special days, and will support its own team. Heretofore, receipts have been divided between the teams, and the weaker teams have been supporting the stronger ones. There will be none of this in the future. A handsome silver service was presented to retiring President Arthur Lyon, of High Point.

DR. CULLEN PRESIDENT

Southern Surgical and Gynecological Association Ends.

Cincinnati, Dec. 15.—White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., was chosen as the meeting place of 1916, by the Southern Surgical and Gynecological Association at the concluding session of its annual convention here today. Dr. Thos. Cullen, of Baltimore, was elected president for the ensuing year.

The convention went on record as favoring the plan for a national board of medical examiners as outlined at the last convention of the American Medical Association.

ROBBERY AT LUMBERTON

Liquor, Watch and Suit of Clothes Taken From Express Office.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 15.—The Southern Express office at this place was robbed last night. Nineteen quarts of liquor, a watch and a suit of clothes were taken. Entrance was effected through the door by breaking the glass. A Greek restaurant next door was also entered and a quarter in cash and several packages of candy were taken.

NO. 42 DELAYED 10 HOURS.

Freight Wreck Blocks Track of A. C. L. Near Faison.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Warsaw, N. C., Dec. 15.—Passenger train No. 42, en route from Wilmington to Norfolk, Va., was delayed ten hours Tuesday night because of a freight wreck a short distance north of Faison, N. C. Seven freight cars were deraised, the cause of the wreck being undetermined.

Morals with men are largely a matter of temptation, inclination and opportunity. Morals are also a matter of mood.

MUNITION SCANDAL CHARGED TO FRANCE

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ties who attempted to interrupt him. He demanded that the chamber compel Joseph Thierry, under secretary of state for subsistence, to throw open his files bearing on these affairs, asserting that many interesting facts concerning purchases of war supplies had not been brought to light.

In the purchase of horses alone M. Simyan declared, commissions amounting to several million francs had been paid. An inquiry was ordered, he continued, but the commission which controls government purchases took the ground that if the facts were known they would cause a public protest. The secretary of Alexandre Millerand, then minister of war, was of the same opinion, the speaker continued and M. Millerand approved his secretary's views.

This assertion brought M. Millerand to his feet. He protested that M. Simyan was mistaken. He intended to speak further but the confusion was so great his remarks could not be heard.

When quiet was restored M. Simyan reiterated his assertions. In concluding he turned to General Gallieni, minister of war, and said:

"Say little, write less, but strike hard."

The entire chamber applauded as M. Simyan concluded.

RECEIVES SILVER TROPHY.

Kirk's Ruby Sport Wins Derby Stakes at Spartanburg, S. C.

Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 15. — Kirk's Ruby Sport, owned by H. D. Kirkover, Buffalo, N. Y., won first place in the derby stakes of the Virginia-Carolina field trials here today, receiving the silver trophy offered in this event.

Second place was won by Reliew Sadness, owned by J. C. Weiler, of New York; third place, by Kirk's Bus, owned by H. D. Kirkover, and there was a tie for fourth place between Peter Danstone, owned by P. H. Powell, Denton, N. C., and Spartan Nell, owned by F. H. Knox, Spartanburg.

The trials will be concluded tomorrow, with the running of the free for all stakes.

BASEBALL WAR TO END IN FEW DAYS

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erals, did it look serious. Tinker induced a number of players from both rival leagues to join the new league, and its organizers succeeded in attaching additional capitalists, as backers.

The new league then expanded, putting teams in Brooklyn and St. Louis in addition to its former circuit, and one by one gathered into its fold some star players.

The legality of contracts brought the fight between the Federals and organized baseball into the courts in several cases, the climax coming with the anti-trust suit filed before Judge Landis, about a year ago. This case came to trial last January, but Judge Landis has never handed down a decision, and some baseball men thought he was hoping for the success of peace negotiations, since, during the trial, he declared he was against anything "calculated to tear down this structure known as baseball."

Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, arrived today and announced that J. Franklin Baker, third baseman of his team, would be sold to the highest bidder at the American League meeting.

"There has been so much talk about Frank Baker," said the Philadelphia manager, "that I am tired of it. I have decided to sell him to the highest bidder at this meeting."

Among those who have expressed a desire to add Baker to their clubs are Comiskey, of the Chicago White Sox, and the management of the New York American League Baseball Club.

MUST CARE FOR PLAYERS.

Federal Leaguers Must be Placed Before Agreement is Settled.

New York, Dec. 15.—The National League magnates virtually marked time here today while waiting for the American League to ratify the proposed terms of peace between organized and independent baseball interests. As the story of the tentative agreement developed it appeared that independent baseball interests had imposed conditions such as victors are wont to dictate and this did not appeal so keenly to the National League as they sat in the rosey light of the recent peace conference. President James A. Gilmore, of the Federal League, and Harry F. Sinclair, one of the principal backers of the independent league, insisted here tonight that all the Federal League players must be taken care of by organized baseball before any peace agreement can be signed.

According to well informed Federal League authorities, these contracts call for close to $380,000 in salaries and even the National League magnates balk at assuming such a responsibility at this time.

Gilmore stated that peace must be reached not later than December 21, since the Federal League option on the property for the proposed park in New York City expires on December 23.

Sinclair Not Yet Certain.

Sinclair, who is said to be the chief backer of the proposed Federal League club in this city, said he was not as yet certain that a complete understanding could be reached, but that he hoped a working agreement would be arranged.

The fact that certain magnates were on the verge of bankruptcy, and that these magnates were not members of the Federal League, helped to bring about co-operation between organized and independent baseball interests, according to Sinclair. He stated further that after all was said and done the question of peace in baseball was up to Ban Johnson and the magnates of the American League.

When President Gilmore was informed that the American League magnates were understood to be favorably impressed with the proposed plans for peace and that a meeting would in all probability be held in the near future, he said the Federal League would appoint a committee to meet the American and National League delegates at any time and place that might be agreeable to those organizations.

At the meeting today, Section 25 of the National constitution was amended so that in future any player under suspension shall forfeit his salary while under the ban and that no rebate or reimbursement shall be made to such player at any time or in any manner.

Favor Fewer Free Passes.

With a view to diminishing the number of free passes issued by clubs during the playing season, President Hempstead of this city, and President Baker, of Philadelphia, were appointed to gather data and report to the schedule meeting next February.

The privilege of the floor was given to a visitor, who suggested a mid-season series of games to be played by representative teams from the National and American leagues. The matter was discussed but no action was taken on the suggestion.

The meeting was adjourned until 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Chairman Herrmann, of the National Commission, said late tonight that representatives of the National, American and Federal leagues would meet here Friday afternoon to discuss peace terms and future conduct of major league baseball. The American League officials at Chicago sent word tonight that a committee would leave there tomorrow to attend the meeting.

DECLARES SUCCESS OF LOANS GENUINE

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stake not only English money but English blood.

"The raising of strong armies increased England's war costs boundlessly and brought English finances to a state which is continually described by British statesmen as extremely serious. With the shaking of the English financial power the foundation of the British Empire is tottering.

"Germany's relation to money is different. She can bear to become poorer, and always remain what she is. We endured the 30-years war and the Napoleonic wars. We were sucked dry, plundered, beaten, cut up, but we always worked out way out and grew together again. But when the British Empire has gone to pieces it will never rise.

Have Necessary Supplies.

"Yet upon this nation, England pronounces the outrageous words regarding a war of exhaustion. We know we possess what we need to live and fight. Bread, potatoes and other necessaries are cheaper than in England or France. The enemy shall know that we would rather forego all abundance, bear all hardship, than suffer the enemy to command us. The enemy shall know furthermore that the sharp sword, the unbroken fighting spirit and confidence of victory are at our disposal. The German iron fist, which just now has blown the iron gate and opened a broad road to the East, is ready if our enemies wish to strike anew."

The bill for a vote of credit was sent to a committee. The next session of the Reichstag will be held Monday.

DR. WALTER C. MURPHY STILL IN JAIL IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

Charged by Coroner's Jury With Causing Death of Young Woman.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Dr. Walter C. Murphy, formerly of Pender county, North Carolina, but for a number of years a practicing physician in the Capital City, is still in jail here tonight, where he was committed yesterday following investigation by a coroner's jury into the death of Estelle Crawford, a young white woman. He is being held for the grand jury in connection with the death of the young woman, which the coroner's jury said resulted from a criminal operation performed by Dr. Murphy. He was arrested Monday as he was about to board a train for his old home at Burgaw, where it is understood his mother is very ill.

It was Sunday afternoon, according to information available at police headquarters, that Miss Crawford went to Dr. Murphy's office for treatment. Monday morning soon after midnight he went to the nearest police station and called their attention to the case, stating the girl had been too sick to be removed. They refused to take up the matter and later he called on the Casualty Hospital to which the girl was removed, dying in a few hours.

The coroner's jury made the following verdict:

"Estelle Crawford came to her death at Casualty Hospital, December 13, 1915, from septic ando uteritis, general peritonitis, exhaustion and shock as the result of a criminal abortion being performed upon her by one, Dr. Walter Coulton Murphy, on or about December 12, 1915. We hold the said Dr. W. C. Murphy for the action of the grand jury."

Washington Paper's Account.

The following item appeared in the local columns of the Washington Post of Tuesday:

"Estelle Crawford, 28 years old, who lodged at 706 L street Northwest, died at the Casualty Hospital yesterday afternoon at 4:30. The young woman was removed from the office of Dr. Murphy, a practicing physician, 122 F street Northwest, yesterday morning at 2:45 o'clock, after having been in his office since 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, nearly twelve hours. Dr. Murphy was arrested, and is being held for investigation being an autopsy and a coroner's jury investigation into the case to be conducted by Coroner J. Ramsay Nevitt this morning.

"Dr. Murphy went to the sixth police precinct yesterday morning at 2:30 o'clock and asked the police to have the woman sent to a hospital, as she was critically ill. He said, according to the police, that the woman, whom he did not know, had come to his office for treatment Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and had been too ill to leave. When the police refused to have anything to do with the case, Dr. Murphy called up the Casualty Hospital, and an ambulance of that institution took the woman to the hospital.

"Dr. Murphy was arrested as he was boarding a train at the Union station with a ticket for Burgaw, N. C., by Policeman Fenn, of the sixth precinct, on orders of Lieutenant James Hartley in charge of detective headquarters. When brought to headquarters Dr. Murphy said the woman's death was due to natural causes."

After an investigation Coroner Nevitt held Dr. Murphy for the grand jury.

Dr. Murphy was born in Pender county, and is a brother of former Judge J. D. Murphy, of Asheville, and was once a prominent official in the North Carolina Medical Association.

MRS. E. A. MURPHY ILL

Much Interest at Burgaw in Hopewell Fire—Big Hog Killed.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Burgaw, N. C., Dec. 15.—The many friends of the venerable Mrs. E. A. Murphy will regret to learn that she has been indisposed for several days and will earnestly hope that she may recover her usual health and be spared for several years yet.

The fire at Hopewell, Va., created a great deal of interest here, because so many of the Burgaw young men are at work there, but so far none have reported losing anything by the fire. The building Mr. W. R. Harrell, of this place, is having erected there, not being in the town of Hopewell, escaped the fire. It has been reported that Mr. J. D. Saunders, of Six Forks, who has been working on Mr. Harrell's house at City Point, was quite seriously injured a few days ago by the collapse of a scaffold on which he was at work.

Speaking of big hogs, Mr. E. T. Blackburn, of Burgaw, slaughtered an 18-months-old shoat a few days ago that weighed 327 pounds. This was a hog raised in the open, and fed mostly on slop from the kitchen.

MANY DEEDS RECORDED.

Property Transfers Numerous Yesterday, According to Records.

Deeds filed for record yesterday at the Court House were as follows:

F. W. Duls and wife and M. C. Davis to Etha Greer, for $100 and other valuable considerations, irregular tract of land on Masonboro road.

J. Irving Bear to Louis T. Moore, for $100 and other considerations, lot on west side of Eighth street, 165 feet south of Marsteller, 33x155 feet in size.

Hugh MacRae and wife to Tidewater Power Company, for $100 and other considerations, two tracts of land at Garden City Development.

The Wilmington Suburban Company to Mary Herring, for $10 and other considerations, lot on Fourth street, 66 feet south of Marsteller, 66x75 feet in size.

Suburban Land Company to E. J. W. Anders, for $10 and other considerations, lot 10, Seagate.

Suburban Land Company to Janet Murphy Anders, lot 9, Seagate.

New York, Dec. 15.—United States Judge Hough today signed a decree ordering the sale of the assets of the International Typesetting Machine Company, as a result of a foreclosure suit brought by the Guaranty Trust Company. The sale will take place on January 17 and the minimum bid is placed at $500,000.

BASKETBALL AT CHAPEL HILL.

Carolina Defeated by Durham Y. M. C. A. in Season's First Game.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 15. — Carolina lost the first game of the basketball season here tonight to the Durham Y. M. C. A. by a score of 26 to 16. The Durham team took the lead in scoring from the first and kept it throughout the game, both in team work and in shooting goals. The Carolina team showed the effect of the late opening of basketball season.

Holcomb, Durham left guard, shot six fouls and four field goals for Carolina. Andrews, right forward, is credited with the largest number of points — three goals and two fouls.

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U. S. Bonds (at par)		270,000.00	Surplus and Undivided Profits	57,833.36
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Bonds and Securities		24,213.50	Rediscounts (with Federal Reserve Bank)	77,266.45
Banking House and Fixtures		45,662.65	Special Bond Account	45,000.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank		9,000.00	Reserve Account (for Building)	20,000.00
Real Estate		43,026.86	Bills Payable	70,000.00
Cash in our Vaults	$124,501.42		DEPOSITS	1,692,829.70
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RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$4,745,518.48	Capital Stock	$1,000,000.00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	810,000.00	Surplus and Net Profits	665,558.88
Bank Building	487,793.51	Circulation	750,000.00
Bonds and Other Securities	288,400.00	Special Deposit Bonds	115,000.00
Liquidation Account Southern National Bank	106,138.65	Special Reserve	21,000.00
Cash and Due by Banks	2,011,503.12	Deposits	5,898,094.88
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